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EXCLUSIVE: CRIME SWOOP

PREM'S £10M CRYPTO CASH FROZEN

By MIKE SULLIVAN

BRITAIN'S FBI has frozen £10million of Premier League cash as it probes alleged criminality involving a crypto partner fronted by Lionel Messi.

The National Crime Agency is investigating Sorare amid claims of unlicensed gambling.

Sorare, which runs a digital card game backed by Messi and other stars such as Kylian Mbappé, denies any wrongdoing.

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Partner probed over illicit gambling

TORIES' MAJOR RESHUFFLE

KEMI BRINGS RIVAL TOM IN FROM COLD

But Priti and Mel are axed

KEMI Badenoch has put the Conservatives on an election footing with a major reshuffle that sees her bring back leadership rival Tom Tugendhat.

The Tory Party leader has made former soldier and security minister Mr Tugendhat Shadow Foreign Secretary.

He takes over from Dame Priti Patel, who moves to a new international role for the party, building links with centre-right parties overseas and exploring Rwanda-style migrant deals.

A senior Tory source told The Sun that the party is preparing for an early general election within the next 12 to 18 months.

Mrs Badenoch, *right*, has demanded formal talks with senior civil servants amid speculation that PM Andy Burnham could call an early poll.

Tory insiders said her new top team marks a shift from the experienced "safe pairs of hands" brought in after the party's crushing 2024 election defeat.

Also in yesterday's reshuffle, stalwart Sir Mel Stride was replaced as Shadow Chancellor by former Sky executive Andrew Griffith.

Mr Griffith, who was Shadow Business Secretary, will lead a team tasked with boosting growth, raising living standards and keeping spending under control.

He was chief operating officer of Sky and chairman of Just Eat before he entered Parliament in 2019.

A senior Conservative source described him as a "no-nonsense, pro-growth Shadow Chancellor with real business experience".

They said: "Andrew and Kemi are in complete lockstep on how we back business, bring down taxes and regulation and get Britain working again."

But Reform UK Treasury spokesman Robert Jenrick, who defected from the Conservatives to Nigel Farage's party, hit back: "The Tories have just brought back Boris Johnson's 'Net Zero Business Champion' who co-authored Liz Truss's mini-Budget.

"They haven't changed and still aren't sorry for the damage they inflicted on our country."

Claire Coutinho is the new Shadow Business Secretary and will serve as Mr Griffith's deputy when she returns from maternity leave in the New Year.

Andrew Bowie was moved from the Scotland brief to replace Ms Coutinho as Shadow Energy Secretary and Damian Hinds takes over from Stuart Andrew as Shadow Health Secretary.

Richard Fuller remains Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury and will focus on finding savings to pay for the party's plans.

Rising Tory star Katie Lam, who was elected in 2024, has been handed a major promotion as a new generation of MPs join Mrs Badenoch's team.

She replaces Sir James Cleverly as Shadow Housing Secretary. He has stepped down to pursue his bid to become London mayor.

Fellow 2024 intake MPs Rebecca Paul and Harriet Cross take on the Culture and Scotland briefs, while Joy Morrissey will be Shadow minister for Women and Equalities.

James Cartlidge remains Shadow Defence Secretary and Chris Phil stays Shadow Home Secretary.

The Sun Says — Page Ten

By MARTINA BET

IN

Tom Tugendhat

Katie Lam

Andrew Griffith

OUT

Dame Priti Patel

Sir Mel Stride

Sir James Cleverly

LAUNDRY CELLS

PRISON offices, laundries and storage rooms will be turned into jail cells for hundreds more criminals.

The Government is fast-tracking £110million funds to speed up the conversions as Britain's prisons come under extra pressure.

Andy Burnham bowed to a campaign by PC Andrew Harper's family and said hundreds of lags set for early release will stay in jail.

But the PM admitted this meant finding room in a system 97 per cent full.

Justice Secretary Alex Norris will today set out the sentencing changes plus plans to deport foreign criminals more quickly.

DON 'TRACKS' PM ON ISRAEL

DONALD Trump is "closely" tracking Andy Burnham's plan for Israeli settlement trade bans, the US State Department told The Times.

The PM is expected to announce curbs on goods and services for West Bank outposts that are illegal under international and Israeli law.

PROFITS LICKED

BRITISH ice cream makers are in line for a boost as Canada opens its doors for a new trade pact.

UK producers will be able to ship 1,083 tons of the frozen dessert free of tariffs – more than double the current 484-ton allowance.

It comes as Canada becomes the final country to agree to Britain's entry into the CPTPP trade pact from September.

The UK already has full access to ten other countries in the bloc, including Australia, Japan and Mexico.

More than 99 per cent of goods Britain exports to CPTPP countries will now get zero tariffs.

Warning . . . Mr Carns

SAS vets Troubles law plea

By MARTINA BET

SAS veterans of the Troubles must be spared the endless threat of legal repercussions, former Armed Forces minister Al Carns has warned.

The ex-Marine backed a report warning ageing troops would be at risk of prosecution under Labour's Troubles Bill.

The Tories' 2023 Legacy Act offered conditional legal immunity to those who co-operated with investigators. Labour's legislation would scrap that protection.

Mr Carns said: "No soldier should face endless legal jeopardy.

"Justice is not served when the process itself becomes the punishment."

A Government spokesperson said it would introduce "effective and lawful protections".

Cancer's timing tip

CANCER patients might survive for twice as long if treated in the morning rather than the afternoon.

Those given immunotherapy earlier in the day had better outcomes, a study of 2,631 patients by The Christie hospital in Manchester showed.

The most striking differences were among skin or lung cancer patients.

Author Prof Paul Lorigan said: "There appears to be a signal worth investigating further."

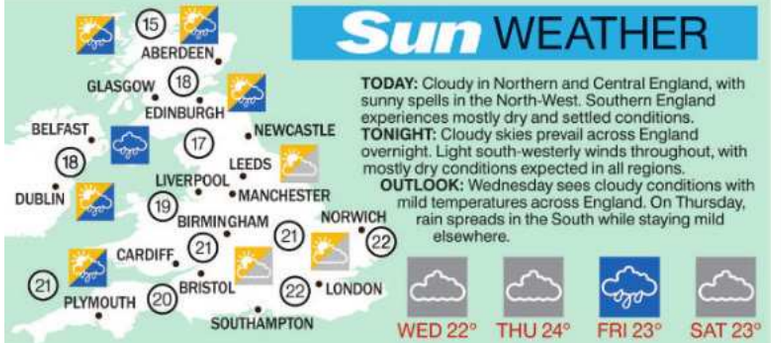
Fears for city 'loss'

HISTORIC cities could lose their prized status under Angela Rayner's local government reforms.

The Housing Secretary plans to abolish traditional two-tier county and district councils and replace them with single unitary authorities.

It means Winchester and Canterbury could lose city status by ancient prescriptive right, held for at least 837 years. A new charter trustee would be required to use the city's title and coat of arms.

Sun WEATHER



TODAY: Cloudy in Northern and Central England, with sunny spells in the North-West. Southern England experiences mostly dry and settled conditions.

TONIGHT: Cloudy skies prevail across England overnight. Light south-westerly winds throughout, with mostly dry conditions expected in all regions.

OUTLOOK: Wednesday sees cloudy conditions with mild temperatures across England. On Thursday, rain spreads in the South while staying mild elsewhere.

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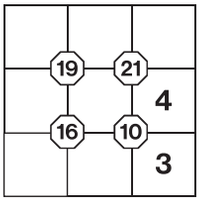

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

ACTRESS **ZENDAYA**, **30**, *left*, former footballer **DANIEL STURRIDGE**, **37**, *right*, Bee Gee **BARRY GIBB**, **80**, Inside No.9's **STEVE PEMBERTON**, **59**, singer **GLORIA ESTEFAN**, **69**, BTS star **JUNG KOOK**, **29**, and golfer **MATT FITZPATRICK**, **32**.

●**Monday's Health Lottery numbers: 1, 5, 18, 33, 35. Bonus ball: 30.**

SPLIT AFTER 10 YEARS

Young love . . . Brooke and Kean in 2018

In Corrie . . . Brooke, left

Brooke of love is over

EX-CORRIE FAVE & FIANCE PART

EXCLUSIVE by ELLIE HENMAN

FORMER Corrie star Brooke Vincent has split from fiancé Kean Bryan after a decade together.

Insiders say Brooke, 34, and ex-footballer Kean, 29, called off their engagement earlier this year.

The pair, who have two sons, have unfollowed each other on social media.

A source said: "Brooke and Kean have decided to split but are co-parenting their sons.

"It wasn't an easy decision for them to make and they are both trying to navigate this new path together. Brooke has thrown herself into work, as well as spending time with her friends, and Kean is doing the same."

Yesterday, Brooke posted snaps on Instagram with a caption: "August... somehow an ending and a beginning all at once."

She met Kean in 2016, and they went public with their relationship two years later before moving in together in 2019.

She gave birth to their first son Mexx that year and chose to step back from her role as Sophie Webster on Corrie after 15 years to focus on being a mum.

Her second son, Monroe, arrived in 2020, with Kean proposing two years later.

In 2023 Kean, who played for Oldham Athletic, Bury, Sheffield United, Bolton and West Brom, retired from football owing to injury.

Brooke discussed returning to work in an interview in June with The Sun On Sunday's Fabulous magazine.

She said: "I left Corrie to have my little boy, then Covid hit, and then I had another little boy.

"And then, obviously, Kean was still playing football at the time. So I was focusing on him, and I wanted to be with him wherever he was.

"When he finished football in 2023, I took a part in the play The Syndicate. But I realised that touring with children is just not doable."

Brooke now plays drugs counsellor Abigail in Hollyoaks. She said: "If I'm not working, I'm constantly looking for something to do.

"I want to do something to get my creativity out in different ways. So everyone, even my grandad, was like, 'Please get a job'."

"Just a reminder that Avanti, whose drivers have had a large pay rise from the PM, is Britain's worst-performing train operator. Just 57.4% of its services were on time last year"

CLEMMIE Moodie

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At scene . . . gun cops

Two men arrested in 'gang war town'

By ROBIN PERRIE

TWO more men have been arrested in the probe into gang warfare following a motorway crash which killed two police officers.

The suspects, 19 and 24, were seized within an hour of each other on suspicion of possessing firearms with intent to cause fear of violence.

Ten gun cops, supported by a dog team and unarmed officers, searched properties in Grangetown – three miles east of Middlesbrough – before detaining the men.

This brings the total number of arrests to 27 since the horror crash on the A66 on August 22, when a VW drove into oncoming traffic and killed PC Matthew Blades and PC Tom Clough.

Cleveland Police has also arrested an 18-year-old man in Middlesbrough and charged him with dangerous driving.

● **A FUNDRAISER** to help the families of PC Blades and PC Clough is set to close tomorrow after raising £1.1million.

1st storm is Austen

THIS year's autumn and winter storms will be called Austen, Boelo, Chloe and Dano, the Met Office has revealed.

Brit weather experts and colleagues in Ireland and the Netherlands asked for names and got 40,000 suggestions.

Some 21 winners were selected from the three countries and run alphabetically, missing out the letters Q, U, X, Y and Z.

The list starts from September, when autumn low-pressure is likely to bring the first storms.

The Met Office said: "A named storm provides a clear focus for warnings, helping more people understand the potential impacts and take action to protect themselves."

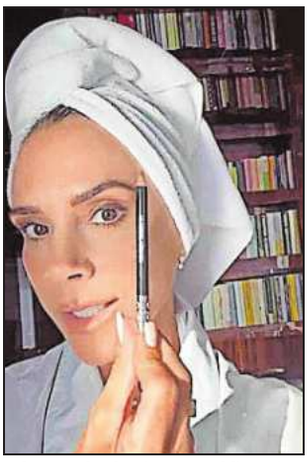
IT'S BIN SORTED

Knowing when bin day is, having spare batteries and going to the dentist are signs we have life sorted, a poll has found.

VICTORIA'S FASHION

Brand records first profits thanks to £104 make-up

POSH IS BECK IN BUSINESS



An eye for business . . . Victoria

By ELLIE HENMAN

VICTORIA Beckham's business has finally turned a profit — just as she makes a bid to crack the US.

The fashion designer, 52, last night confirmed it had achieved an operating profit for the first time since its launch in 2008 – aided by her hugely popular £104 skin foundation drops.

It comes after years of financial woe for Victoria Beckham Holdings, which required a £6.2million injection 12 months ago as losses mounted.

But the former pop star is celebrating after paperwork up to December 2025 revealed an operating profit of £7.3million, following a revenue loss of £1.6million the previous year.

Insiders said it had given Posh Spice a much-needed boost ahead of the opening of her first shop in New York. Victoria said of the landmark moment: "We have all worked hard for a long time for this moment of profitability and growth.

"We've been very transparent about the problems we had in the business but have recovered and are now growing at a sensible pace. After 20 years, people don't look at my brand as a celebrity brand any more."

A source added: "Victoria is beyond proud and there have been celebrations with her family and colleagues.

"There were times Victoria came so close to being forced to give up.

"The business was crumbling beneath her feet, but she held on and fought with all her might.

"Getting this news as she starts preparations for the opening of her first shop in the US is huge."

A key driver in the success has been her beauty business, which she opened in 2019.

Victoria Beckham Beauty's The Foundation Drops, costing £104, was released last year but rapidly sold out.

More than 25,000 people then joined the waiting list for its return this year.

The product has helped to more than double the size of her business, with her beauty brand said to generate about two-thirds of revenue.

Drops star . . Vic's hit

A source added: "Victoria sells one of her satin kajal eyeliners every 30 seconds. The impact the foundation has had on the business is huge." Revenue is up 15 per cent to £129.8million, from £112.7million in 2024.

Mum-of-four Victoria has previously said she hated being propped up financially by mega-rich hubby David, 51. In her Netflix documentary, the ex-Spice Girl also admitted she feared her brand would fold after losses of £66million, and it made her feel "embarrassed and really desperate".

She was mocked for being repeatedly bailed out by David after launching the business in 2008. Victoria said: "I almost lost everything and that was a dark, dark time.

"I used to cry before I went to work every day because I felt like a fire fighter."

In 2017, private equity firm Neo Investments bought a 30 per cent stake. Shareholders, including the Spice Girls' former manager, Simon Fuller, pumped in £9.3million in cash and loans in 2024. Then, last year, David and Victoria, along with Neo, injected a further £6.2million.

Former England and Man United footballer David admitted he also became uncomfortable. He explained: "We both sat there and looked at what I had invested and I think part of that conversation broke my heart because Victoria is a proud woman.

"When we met, she was a lot richer than me. She actually bought our first house in Hertfordshire.

"So for her to have to come to me and say, 'Can I have some, we need some more money, the business needs more money,' that was hard for both of us. I didn't have the money to keep doing this and eventually I was like, 'This cannot continue'."

Despite the huge success of her beauty brand, insiders say fashion is still what drives Victoria, with her dresses accounting for almost a third of her retail business. Her £850 Katherine jacket and her £990 Isabella gown are topping her best-sellers, alongside her £475 Alina trousers and her £850 Bela dress.

Last year, Victoria brought on board a new chief executive, Sybille Darricarrère Lunel, who was previously boss at Christian Dior.

In a joint interview with the FT yesterday, Sybille said of the business: "Fashion has big potential."

Victoria's New York store, incorporating fashion, beauty and her fragrance line, will open in the coming weeks while her Miami pop-up continues until the end of September.

A source revealed there are also plans to expand into other areas of the globe. They said: "Victoria never stops working and never stops moving. Having a physical store in the US is huge and it's a market she is continuing to dominate, especially in her beauty business with online sales.

"In the years to come, the expansion will continue to the Middle East."

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Got back-to-school in

BIZ IN £7.3M BOOST

Picture: MERT ALAS & MARCUS PIGGOTT

HARPER'S £2.7K FESTIVAL OUTFIT

By ELLIE HENMAN

HARPER Beckham shows she has her mother's expensive taste in fashion.

Her outfit while watching brother Cruz perform at Reading Festival at the weekend was worth about £2,750.

The youngest of the Beckham children, 15, wore a £2,500 Van Cleef & Arpels Alhambra necklace underneath her £130 jacket from mum Victoria's collaboration with Gap.

She finished her look with a pair of £120 Hunter wellies.

Harper is also following in her mother's footsteps with her own beauty business.

In July, The Sun revealed the teen's skincare brand, Harlo By Harper, is due to launch next year. A trademark application included facial scrubs and body washes, as well as acne treatments, including medicated facial cleansers.

Harper changed her Instagram bio from "Your fav blonde," to "entrepreneur" last week as she gears up to launch her products.

Victoria said of her daughter: "She's been sitting on my lap taking part in beauty development meetings ever since she was little."

● SIR David Beckham — who posted a video showing off his vegetable crop yesterday — seems set to become a florist after applying to trademark his name for the sale of cut flowers and roses.

Festival style . . . Harper, and dad's veg crop, left

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EXCLUSIVE: FOOTIE CASH FROZEN

Front . . . Chelsea's Pedro

Chelsea, City and Spurs do digi deal

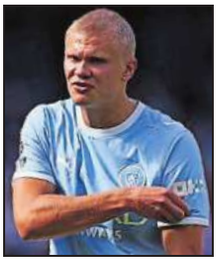
BY THOMAS GODFREY

CRYPTO dealers have bought their way into football to try to recruit fans as customers.

Chelsea last week unveiled Circle as their new front-of-shirt sponsor. It is the first time a crypto company has taken the main shirt slot at a Premier League club, with Joao Pedro among the players to show it off.

Crypto exchange OKX has a £55million-a-year deal with Man City, whose stars, including Erling Haaland, wear its logo on their shirt sleeves.

Meanwhile, Kraken can be seen on the arm of Pedro Porro and the rest of the Spurs squad.



On sleeve . . . City's Haaland

Man United's training kit was backed by blockchain company Tezos in a deal reportedly worth about £20million a season.

The Financial Conduct Authority has recently written to clubs to remind them about fans trusting their badges.

FCA director Lucy Castledine said: "They should not let unauthorised financial firms exploit that loyalty by putting potentially dodgy products in front of millions of fans.

"A logo on a shirt means one thing — that firm paid for it."

Logo area . . . Spurs' Porro

Prem axed crypto deal early over crime probe

THEY THINK CRYPT'S ALL OVER

FOOTIE legends including Lionel Messi were named as ambassadors of the Premier League partner being probed by Britain's FBI.

By MIKE SULLIVAN and MARTIN LIPTON

The £120million, four-year deal with crypto-gaming firm Sorare was unveiled with a fanfare of publicity in 2023.

But it was terminated at the end of last season as the firm came under investigation in the UK.

We can reveal the National Crime Agency obtained an order from Westminster magistrates' court in January 2025 freezing £10million under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

It is understood the sum was the first down payment made by Sorare as part of its £30million-a-year deal.

It was held in the Barclays account of the Premier League's management company.

An NCA spokesperson confirmed the freezing order on funds totalling £10,024,041.33 in the name of The Football Association Premier League Limited. They added: "The purpose of the order is to prevent dissipation of the funds while the NCA investigates any potential links between those funds and alleged third-party criminality." The Premier League is going to court on Monday in a bid to vary the terms of the order, which runs to September 14.

Sorare runs a fantasy sports digital card game, also subject to a prosecution by the Gambling Commission. "Managers" build virtual teams with cards depicting real players. They take part in tournaments with results based on real-world performances.

Announcing the 2023 deal, the Prem said "it will provide fans with another way to connect with their favourite clubs and players". It gave Sorare rights to release digital cards of players from all 20 teams. In turn, clubs were due to get payments from the Premier League based on player card usage.

The Prem website listed Sorare among its partners. It named investors, ambassadors and advisers to Sorare as Messi — who retired from internationals yesterday — Zinedine Zidane, Kylian Mbappé, Rio Ferdinand, plus tennis star Serena Williams. The blurb said Sorare was valued at £3.21billion.

Ambassador . . . Messi

Founded in 2018, it was initially a crypto-only marketplace. Users connected wallets and used cryptocurrencies such as Ether or Solana to trade cards. In August 2023, Sorare officially allowed cash transactions.

In 2024, the Gambling Commission launched its prosecution at Birmingham magistrates' court. It accuses Sorare of providing facilities for gambling without an operating licence. A trial is due next June.

Sorare denies any illegality and says its game is based on skill rather than luck, so should not be subject to betting regulations. This summer, the Financial Conduct Authority warned football fans were targeted by unauthorised crypto firms and traders obtaining sponsorship deals with clubs.

Sorare said last night: "We cannot comment on the story regarding the freezing order. We would however like to clarify that our contract with the Premier League expired at the end of its term (season 2025-2026).

"As for the Gambling Commission's prosecution, we firmly deny any claims Sorare is a gambling product under UK laws. The Commission has misunderstood our business and wrongly determined the laws apply to Sorare. We cannot comment further whilst legal proceedings are under way."

There is no suspicion of any wrongdoing by the Premier League.

It declined to comment about the freezing order. Latest filed accounts for the year to July 31, 2025, show it has more than £1.5billion. It made charitable donations of £56.6million.

INVESTOR Joshua Kushner has spoken for the first time about Fifa boss Gianni Infantino's plan to sell off a stake in the World Cup.

The Thrive Capital chief exec insisted the goal was to bring more money into the sport, but added: "We failed to appreciate the political dynamics of global football, and the lengths some would go to. Had we known what this would devolve into, we would not have gotten involved."

MESSI END FOR ARGENTINA: SEE SUNSPORT

Body find in bin bag

AN elderly woman's body was found in a bin bag at a park close to a Premier League ground.

Her remains, in a pink Nike T-shirt, may have been there for weeks, say police who have begun a murder investigation.

The grim discovery was made at Stanley Park, Liverpool, near the Reds' Anfield stadium.

Officers appealed for help in identifying her, saying she was white, in her 70s, 5ft 2in, with strawberry-blonde hair.

ANXIETY ALARM

Early starts for school with lie-ins at weekends worsen anxiety in teenagers, a Southampton University study shows.

HORMUZ HAVOC

Iran attacks US bases after Trump blasts sea mines

Fake hit . . . Trump post

U.S. forces blitzed Iran's base for mine-laying rockets — as fighting flared in the Gulf for the first time in a month.

Tehran hit back with strikes on American bases in Jordan, with eight missiles intercepted early yesterday.

The hardline regime is said to have refitted land-based rockets to drop sea mines into the Strait of Hormuz, sparking Washington's attack. It came after President Donald Trump said last week the US Navy had neutralised all existing mines in the key oil and gas supply route.

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

Mr Trump on Sunday claimed Iran's Kharg Island oil plant had been "blown to smithereens". But Pentagon chiefs later confirmed his post of huge explosions was an AI-generated fake put out as a warning. Iran's leaders later branded Mr Trump's social media posts "laughable" and said the Kharg terminal was still operational.

Benchmark crude oil prices leapt 3.9 per cent to $91.10 per barrel amid Iranian threats to shipping in the strait.

US Central Command said it took "limited, precise" action on Sunday against the mine-laying forces on Larak Island in the waterway, which posed an "imminent threat" to shipping.

Iran responded by firing missiles and drones at two US bases in Jordan. Mr Trump vowed revenge, saying: "We're going to hit them hard."

The renewed fighting comes after a month-long pause following the failure of talks intended to end the conflict triggered by the US and Israel in February.

The strait has remained effectively closed since then.

Mr Trump has ramped up economic pressure with fresh sanctions on Iran and nations doing business with it.

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Knifed . . . at station

Stab Brit was 'pub landlady'

By NICK PARKER

A BRITISH woman stabbed to death at German railway station was a pub landlady.

The 31-year-old died of wounds from a knife attack early on Sunday in Rosenheim, Bavaria.

A 27-year-old German man, of no fixed address, was arrested nearby and taken to a psychiatric hospital after appearing in court yesterday.

Social media posts have named and paid tribute to the woman, described as a Buckinghamshire pub landlady, and said she was a keen runner and Ironman competitor.

A friend posted on Facebook: "She was our local landlady who was on her way to support a friend at a funeral in Austria. She turned the local around to modernise it. She was so tolerant and non-judgmental."

The Foreign Office has not confirmed if her family knows of her death.

Trapped 50ft in air

FIREFIGHTERS rescued 27 people trapped on a rollercoaster yesterday.

Carriages on the Wipeout ride, which reaches 130ft, ground to a halt at 1.30pm, leaving passengers 50ft in the air for three hours – but not upside down, Suffolk fire service said.

Crews used an aerial ladder for the rescue.

The surfing-themed ride opened in 2007 and had a £1million revamp in 2024 at Pleasurewood Hills in Lowestoft.

The venue was contacted for comment.

LEAP IN THE DARK

A global team of scientists has found a possible trace of dark matter – elusive particles making up most of the universe.

Court . . . crew member, left

Kids torn from mum's grasp as ferry sank

By NICK PARKER

THE devastated mum of two children lost in the Cyprus ferry disaster told how her daughter slipped from her hands — while crew members were arrested yesterday.

Ayten and Hayri Bicer desperately fought to save Saliha, 12, and Mehmet, six, as the boat from Kyrenia capsized on Sunday.

However, a suitcase fell on Saliha, and the pair slipped into the water. Mum Ayten sobbed: "She was saying, 'Don't let go'. And I didn't let go of my daughter. I swear."

The children were among 18 passengers still missing last night after eight victims were confirmed dead yesterday.

Meanwhile, the ship's captain and seven crew members have been detained, with one seen taken into court yesterday.

Missing . . Mehmet and Saliha. Case in water

SUSSEXES BACK IN BRITAIN

Death . . . Diana

Princes' tributes to Di after 29 years

By SEBASTIAN HAW

PRINCES William and Harry remembered their mum Diana privately yesterday as well-wishers laid flowers on the 29th anniversary of her death in a Paris car crash.

Sources for the brothers, who remain estranged, said they chose to mark the sombre occasion behind closed doors.

Fans left floral tributes and messages at Kensington Palace, where the Princess lived before her death in 1997.

Wills and Harry previously met at the palace's Sunken Garden in 2021 to unveil the official bronze statue of their mother on what would have been her 60th birthday.

In July, Prince Harry and wife Meghan visited Diana's family home Althorp House in Northamptonshire. They laid flowers at her grave on the estate's Oval Lake.

It was unclear whether the pair, who moved back to Britain last week, visited Althorp and Harry's uncle Charles Spencer again yesterday.

Earl Spencer marked the day by posting photos of Althorp with the flag flying at half mast and the words: "31 August. My least favourite day."

The Earl has written a book about his sister which will be published on September 22.

He said: "The aim is to tell the truth about Diana from her brother's perspective, just as I attempted to do when speaking at her funeral."

Princess's grave . . at lake

Homecoming . . . the family's arrival in UK

GUARD FEARS

Worried Harry and Meghan and children Archie and Lilibet

Meg `nervous' over school run security

EXCLUSIVE by ED SOUTHGATE

PAL TELLS OF CONCERN

THE Duchess of Sussex is nervous about doing the school run while security for her family remains unsettled, a pal says.

Meghan and Harry are in a secret luxury countryside location after returning to the UK.

The pair have barely left the house since arriving last week and she is said to be worried about driving Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five, to and from their prep school.

Having a regular drop-off and pick-up time increases the security risk, the friend says.

The pal added: "The school run is a tricky issue and I understand they are nervous about it."

Critics say the pair, who gave up up royal duties to move to California in 2020, are "prisoners of their own making" by coming back without protection in place.

Harry gave the security committee less than two weeks' notice, when rules say he must give 28 days.

A poll has found 63 per cent of the public believe the pair should pay for their own private guards.

Questions have been raised over why the Duke came back despite saying last year he could not bring his family without proper security.

It is understood they expect they will eventually get some taxpayer-funded protection reinstated.

But as well as choosing schools in the UK, he also wants to be closer to family such as the Spencers.

It was not confirmed whether they visited his mother Diana's grave at Althorp on the 29th anniversary of her death yesterday.

A Government spokesman said of the protection system: "It is our long-standing policy not to provide detailed information on those arrangements, as doing so could compromise their integrity and affect individuals' security."

● **HARRY** will not attend Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph as he is no longer a working royal.

Palace aides suggested the ex-Army helicopter pilot, who completed two tours of Afghanistan, could apply to join the veterans' parade but he has decided not to.

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New actors are just big softies

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THE Sun SAYS

Get real, PM

SUMMER is at an end and with it our new Prime Minister's honeymoon.

So far Andy Burnham has enjoyed the cushiest of rides in Downing Street.

Since taking the reins he has splashed **YOUR** cash including billions on a £45 cut to energy bills and capping bus fares at two quid.

He's also been out and about on a tour of the country which brought only one real announcement: an unnecessary crackdown on heavily regulated High Street bookies which he bizarrely compared to money-laundering vape shops.

To paraphrase another Northern comedian, Eric Morecambe, guitar-botherer Burnham has been desperate to show that he is playing all the right notes, just not necessarily in the same order as his predecessor Keir Starmer.

Today, though, the music stops.

As Labour MPs return to Westminster, they will be looking to him to deliver on Britain's **REAL** problems: defence, welfare and a flatlining economy.

So far the signs have not been good.

Burnham has also got himself into a huge mess over Labour's early prisoner release scheme – unnecessarily causing immense worry and heartache for the family of PC Andrew Harper before finally keeping his killers behind bars.

In doing so, he is also about to free hundreds of highly dangerous prisoners serving indeterminate sentences. Of the 2,271 still on them, 1,415 already had to be recalled after offending on release.

They include Joseph McCann, who was freed in 2019 but went on to commit 37 offences – including the abduction and rape of 11 women and children.

Is that really the kind of gamble with public safety that any PM should take?

Cavalier Burnham has already shown he has a track record of overpromising then caving in to pressure.

He is already rowing back from committing to spending three per cent of GDP on defence. And despite paying lip service to the idea, he still has no serious plans to slash welfare.

Endless U-turns ruined Keir Starmer's premiership and left Britain stuck in the grip of decline.

If Burnham can't make strong decisions and stick to them, he is in for a very bumpy autumn.

Team to shine

NO ONE can deny Kemi Badenoch has transformed her fortunes as party leader.

Now she is setting about building a team around her who can give the Tories a chance at the next election.

New Shadow Chancellor Andrew Griffith has more business experience than Labour's entire Cabinet – and wants to cut taxes.

Ex-Army officer Tom Tugendhat, now Shadow Foreign Secretary, knows all about Chinese and Russian aggression.

Kemi knows she has to win back the trust of former Conservative voters.

Offering proper solutions to fix Britain's stuttering economy will go a long way towards that.

PM PLAN TO END WEST BANK IMPORTS

Labour is so obsessed with attacking Israel it doesn't realise trade ban will cost PALESTINIAN JOBS

ZOOM OR BUST . . . our fighter jets, as well as phones, medicine and Palestinian jobs, are at risk from planned UK boycott of exports from Israel's West Bank

IMAGINE Britain had an ally whose intelligence know-how was so vital to our safety that the head of MI5 said the ally had "disrupted a huge quantity of terror activity inside the UK" and "saved many, many lives on British soil".

By **STEPHEN POLLARD**

Imagine the same ally's military equipment had saved the lives of British soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Then imagine the ally was also a huge market for British trade, buying £3.2billion of British products a year and so backing huge numbers of British jobs.

That ally doesn't need to be imagined. It's Israel.

More than 1.7million of us work for firms exporting to Israel. One in eight of the drugs dispensed by the NHS comes from Israeli companies. Israel ranks eighth per capita among countries investing in the UK. Almost anyone using a mobile phone is using Israeli tech.

There has long been a lobby within Labour that regards Israel not as an ally to be cherished but an enemy to be attacked. The Labour Government has spent the past two years doing just that.

Now PM Andy Burnham is poised to go a stage further by banning the import of any goods produced in the West Bank – the disputed region which the Palestinians claim as their own but on which Israel has been building settlements for many years.

The ostensible reason for the sanctions is that Israel is planning to build homes in an area of the West Bank known as E1.

Labour says this will destroy all hope of a two-state settlement.

Yet in every peace plan for the region, from Oslo to Camp David and beyond, E1 has been marked as remaining under Israeli sovereignty. There is no conceivable peace plan in which it would be part of a Palestinian state. The truth is that this is just an excuse. For a huge number of Labour MPs, attacking Israel has become core to their world view.

They are so consumed by "Palestinianism" – the ideology and mindset that puts the campaign for a Palestinian state above everything else – that they will not rest until Israel is brought to heel.

Burnham is now doing their bidding. One of the first things he did on his return to Parliament was to apologise for "Labour's initial response to the treatment of Gaza". He said: "We got it wrong and I am sorry for that."

But there is also another factor at work. The emergence of a sectarian Muslim vote has changed politics on the Left.

Technological expertise

In the last General Election, so-called Independent Gaza candidates won four seats and came very close in others.

The Muslim population is over 20 per cent in 37 constituencies, and there are another 73 seats where the Muslim population is between ten and 20 per cent. Labour MPs are terrified they will be booted out at the next election.

Everything Labour does with regard to Israel should be seen in that context. It is all about showing the sectarian Muslim vote that Labour is their party.

The sanctions have nothing to do with helping Palestinians because they will be hit the hardest. Roughly 30,000 Palestinians work in the settlement economy, earning several times what Palestinian employers pay elsewhere.

A goods ban would cut their income without shifting Israeli policy at all.

As for the impact here, it's physically impossible to separate all goods produced on the West Bank from other goods.

There is no overall labelling system when they are exported from Israel. So this is really a bar on the import of all Israeli goods.

If Burnham thinks the Israelis are just going to sit back and accept such treatment, he must be even more out of his depth than he already seems.

As I've explained, we need Israel's technological, military and intelligence expertise far more than they need us.

When the Israelis respond, we will be the ones who suffer.

Just look at Ireland. In 2024, Micheal Martin, the then-defence minister and now Irish PM, ordered the removal of an Israeli-made navigation system from Ireland's new official jet because it would have required a deal with Elbit Systems, an Israeli defence firm. That jet is now unable to land in fog or rough weather.

Perhaps Burnham thinks it is a good idea to ensure that the RAF won't be able to fly its planes because they depend on Israeli technology. (And, by the way, Israel is the UK's second largest defence supplier – and doesn't buy British weapons. This is one-way traffic.)

When Israel alone is singled out for boycotts – there is nothing over the Western Sahara, Northern Cyprus, China or any other conflict except Ukraine – it also changes the atmosphere at home. At a time when antisemitism is on the rampage, it is British Jews who will bear the brunt of the impact.

Next time you hear Burnham or any Labour minister say they deplore antisemitism, remember they are shameless hypocrites.

FOGBOUND. . . Micheal Martin

Scare . . . singer Richie

'Dizzy at gig' star Lionel in hospital

By OSCAR JAEGER

CHART-topper Lionel Richie was taken to hospital after feeling dizzy on stage during a show.

The 77-year-old was checked into an intensive care unit in St Louis, Missouri, having become unwell at his performance on Saturday night.

Witnesses said Lionel appeared to be struggling near the end of the show, asking his team to bring him a chair to sit on while he sang his 1983 hit, All Night Long – his final song of the show.

According to US celebrity news website TMZ, the star checked himself into a hospital to have tests. Doctors are said to be investigating whether Lionel, who is on tour with soul band Earth, Wind and Fire, is suffering from dehydration.

Sources say he hopes to be discharged today.

He was also taken to hospital in June after a concert in Minnesota.

Pricey . . . Pikachu

Ultra rare Pika card to sell for millions

By SEBASTIAN HAW

A POKÉMON card is expected to sell for millions of pounds because it is so rare and in such good condition.

The Pikachu Illustrator is one of only 39 made.

Its condition has a grading score of nine out of ten and the only one better was owned by US influencer Logan Paul.

He bought the ten out of ten card in 2021 for £3.8million and sold it last year for £12million.

The nine out of ten Pikachu Illustrator card now up for auction has an unknown reserve price. There is already one bid for £250,000.

But the Heritage Auctions online sale run from Dallas does not finish until September 19.

The 1998 trading cards were won in competitions and never sold in shops.

Heritage Auctions said: "It cannot be said enough how much of a holy grail the Pikachu Illustrator is."

CARNIVAL JAMA PARTY

Picture: TOLGA AKMEN/EPA

By ELLIE HENMAN

DANCERS bling it on at the Notting Hill Carnival as Maya Jama joins the party over the Bank Holiday.

The Love Island host mingled with revellers to watch the parade of stunningly costumed performers at the annual event, celebrating its 60th year.

Maya, 32, posed for pictures with fans, *above*, at the West London bash before dancing on the streets, *right*, in a red dress holding a sign that read: "Shake my money maker."

The event ended yesterday with the Adults Day Parade featuring dancers from local samba schools and Brazilian bloco bands.

Police made 360 arrests yesterday, taking the total over the festival to 560 — up from 528 last year.

AS X FACTOR IS REBOOTED...

LOUIS: GIVE ME MY X JOB BACK

Old pals . . . Sharon with Louis

LOUIS Walsh is eyeing a return as a judge on The X Factor.

ITV and production company Talkback Thames are working on a reboot with show boss Simon Cowell, The Sun On Sunday revealed.

Now former Boyzone and Westlife manager Louis, 74, has lobbied Simon, 66, to bring back the original panel – despite him wanting younger stars.

Louis said: "Of course I'd go back, but only if Sharon

EXCLUSIVE
by JACK HARDWICK

Osbourne did too. We'd have such a laugh together."

Louis was a judge on the show from the first series in 2004 until 2014, then in 2016 and 2017.

Sharon, 73, was also on the original judging panel before leaving in 2007, returning in 2013, and then appeared again alongside Louis in 2016 and 2017.

But those working on the new X Factor have said Louis, who has been a judge on several other TV talent shows, including 2002's Popstars: The Rivals, might struggle to get a look-in.

A source said: "Louis is great on telly, but he's a bit of an X Factor relic. Even Simon won't be front and centre on the new series.

"He will be more behind the scenes. The whole point of the new show is to bring in fresh faces on the panel.

"They want completely new talent to give The X Factor a sense that it belongs in our world now.

"You'd expect music influencers and younger singers to be on the panel, not Louis and Sharon, who are well into their 70s." Sources revealed at the weekend top-level conversations were going on at ITV and Talkback Thames over the new version. Staff started working on the project in December.

A series of the show's catchphrases, including Simon's "I didn't like it, I loved it," were secretly trademarked ahead of its return.

The X Factor pulled in 19million viewers at its peak in 2010 and launched the careers of stars such as One Direction and Leona Lewis.

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Shot by mistake . . Yoni

Shooting victim's Jew-hate warning

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A FATHER injured in a synagogue shooting says his son has faced death threats as the Jewish community continues to live in fear.

Yoni Finlay was hit by a stray police bullet after a gunman opened fire on October 2 last year.

He was helping to barricade the doors to the Manchester synagogue, when Jihad Al-Shamie targeted worshippers.

Three people, including the gunman, were killed.

Ahead of a memorial service for the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation victims, Mr Finlay told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "I don't think things feel safer. Jewish people are having to hide their identity. Even my own son – who's in college at the moment – has faced death threats."

Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and Communities Secretary Angela Rayner were among 800 people at last night's service.

Warning . . . Jasvinder

Marriage fears for 100 kids under 12

By JULIA ATHERLEY

AT least 100 children aged 12 or younger have been referred to the Government's forced marriage unit in the past five years, figures show.

It includes 62 children aged ten or below and 27 up to the age of five, according to Home Office data for 2021 to 2025.

Dame Jasvinder Sanghera, who ran away from home at 14 to avoid a forced marriage, fears the scale of the problem is far higher as some cases are never reported.

The charity founder and campaigner said a child could be promised to somebody from birth.

She added: "I know that when schools open there will be missing children. The opportunity to identify them was pre-school holidays."

The Home Office said not every referral meant a forced marriage, which is a criminal offence, had taken place, or would.

NO MORE TOUGH GUYS, AS WOKE

GLUM . . . Jacob Elordi as lonely Hig in latest film, The Dog Stars

IT seems a cataclysmic event has hit Hollywood and wiped out the once-worshipped tough guy – on and off the big screen.

The burly leading man has given way to the sensitive "Soft Boy" – defined by a slender frame, sharp jaw, androgynous style and gentle nature.

Rejecting the traditional, hyper-masculine actors and characters that have dominated films for decades, this modern archetype is more art-throb than heart-throb.

Cinema's newest generation of stars now look and act like they would rather write a poem than tear off a woman's dress or shoot a baddie.

Two such actors hit the big screen last Friday with the release of their films – post-apocalyptic drama The Dog Stars, starring Jacob Elordi, and rom-com One Night Only with Callum Turner (Mr Dua Lipa). Their characters are nursing broken hearts and opt for fully clothed cuddles over a wild, naked romp that is offered to them.

By DULCIE PEARCE
Sun Film Critic

And while both are handsome gentlemen, they are certainly brains over brawn – a quality likely tailored to cinema's largest audience, the hyper-sensitive and woke Gen Z.

This year's Vanity Fair Hollywood Issue also intimated the end of the ultra-masculine male movie star, with cover headline Let's Hear It For the Boys! Featuring photos of big-hitters Glen Powell, Andrew Garfield, Jonathan Bailey, Paul Mescal, Michael B. Jordan and Austin Butler on a beach, the article claimed leading men are also playing characters defined by "vulnerability".

The story read: "The era of the remote matinee idol – the untouchable, deeply mysterious Hollywood star of the past – is over and the dawn of the almost approachable, appealingly authentic modern actor is in full swing.

"Meet the new class of leading men. They're still fantasy men, yes, but boyfriend-shaped: accessible, kind, vulnerable, and recognisably human."

Long gone are the dominant alpha males who were allergic to self-doubt – like Sylvester Stallone's Rambo, Die Hard's John McClane, played by Bruce Willis, and even James Bond.

Rugged characters, who spoke the loudest in the room, while pouring a whiskey, have been replaced by sensitive souls who likely have a lactose intolerance.

Off screen, the once-unattainable macho stars, such as Clint Eastwood and Steve McQueen, have been superseded by actors who are willing to open up about their feelings and post online about their personal life.

Their gender-fluid outfits and viral skin-care routines resonate with screen-addicted youngsters.

Hamnet and Gladiator actor Paul Mescal, 30, reflected at last year's Cannes Film Festival on how masculinity is represented in film, saying that he thinks cinema is departing from classic male roles.

He said: "It's ever-shifting.

"Maybe in cinema we're moving away from the traditional, alpha leading male characters."

Meanwhile, Tom Holland, whose films Spider-Man:

KNOT STAR . . . Zendaya loves to crochet with husband Tom Holland

HOLLYWOOD GOES FOR SLIM 'N' SENSITIVE

WARRIOR . . . Timothee as Paul and co-star Zendaya in Dune

How the Soft Boys replaced the hard men

VULNERABLE . . . Callum as heartbroken Owen in One Night Only

BRUISERS . . . *from left*, Sean Connery as James Bond, Clint Eastwood in For A Few Dollars More, Sylvester Stallone in Rambo, Bruce Willis in Die Hard and Steve McQueen in The Great Escape

Brand New Day and Greek epic The Odyssey are both in cinemas, is not a typical action hero either.

Holland, 30, recently shared that he often crafts at home with his wife Zendaya and that they "absolutely love" crocheting.

And recalling his flamboyant, viral performance of Rihanna's Umbrella on US TV show Lip Sync Battle, he said: "I've grown up in the most non-toxic masculine environment possible.

"I didn't realise what I was doing was so forward-thinking. I was just like, 'Yeah, f***, I'll put some fishnets on and dance in the rain. That'll be really fun. I don't care'."

Compare that to James Bond star Sean Connery, 90, who once famously said: "I like women. I don't understand them, but I like them."

For decades, male characters were expected to be emotionally unavailable, with rock-hard muscles and steely gazes. Crying was unthinkable and, if they were close to tears, it was usually over the death of a faithful dog, or quickly followed by a violent brawl. The emotionally vulnerable characters were often awkward nerds or bumbling sidekicks, only there to bolster the main man and show how hard-as-nails he is.

But now, our on-screen heroes are encouraged to show empathy and sensitivity wherever they turn.

These characters cry, fret, question their own behaviour, and write in journals.

'Brave new world'

Jacob Elordi, 29, has also spoken openly about leaning into his own femininity.

Reflecting on being teased as a teenager for doing theatre, the Saltburn star shared: "When they said I was gay, I remember leaning into the make-up . . . I was like, 'If I'm going to be the King of the Fairies, I'm going to be the f***ing hottest King of the Fairies you have ever seen'.

"I stepped away from beer culture and from sport culture, and I was like, well, 'If you think this is gay, I'm going to be who I am'."

Our modern action stars now talk about self-care.

After standout roles in the Running Man and Top Gun: Maverick, Glen Powell has been touted as the new Tom Cruise, 64.

But the muscleman said in an interview with GQ last year: "I feel it's cool and tough to be open and vulnerable."

Powell, 37, added that, rather than meet friends at a bar, he brings them to a sauna or an ice bath, as it's better for his health and wellbeing.

But the ultimate poster boy for Hollywood's Soft Boy is, without a doubt, Timothee Chalamet, 30.

With tousled hair and the sharpest of jawlines, he didn't even beef up to play warrior Paul Atreides in sci-fi epic Dune.

And on the red carpet, Chalamet has leaned into boundary-pushing tailoring including a red backless co-ord at the Venice Film Festival in 2022, and a shimmering tank top to the Wonka premiere in Paris a year later. On representing masculinity on screen, he said there was "a real excitement from our generation about doing things in a new way".

Chalamet added: "There isn't a specific notion, or jean size, or muscle shirt, or affectation, or eyebrow raise, or dissolution, or drug use that you have to take part in to be masculine.

"It's exciting. It's a brave new world."

And experts agree with him.

Last year, a report from the National Research Group (NRG) found 47 per cent of men aged 13 to 30 look to celebrities and fictional characters as role models. Fergus Navaratnam-Blair, research director for NRG, said: "You don't necessarily see one concrete vision of what masculinity is in Hollywood.

"Timothee Chalamet is a great example of trying to create this newer version of masculinity.

"In something like Dune, he balances the action-hero element with the philosopher element."

Even the old guard are trying to get in on the scene, too.

Last year, human bulldozer Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, 54, wore a pleated skirt over trousers to the Met Gala, telling reporters: "The most masculine men wear skirts."

It seems Hollywood really has gone soft.

NEW RULES . . . singer Dua is married to 'Soft Boy' Callum

GENTLE GIANTS ON FILM

HERE are some recent movies where the Soft Boy is centre stage.

THE DRAMA: An explosive confession throws a perfect couple's wedding into disarray. This forces Robert Pattinson's character to spend much of the film talking to a pal about his feelings and trying to win over his love interest, played by Zendaya, by discussing books.

TONY: Superstar chef Anthony Bourdain described his younger self as "narcissistic, self-destructive and thoughtless". Yet, in this film based on his early life, Dominic Sessa plays him as a quiet, deep thinker who chooses not to have sex with a girl because he feels bad about lying to her.

THE INVITE: The hilarious story about horny neighbours who are trying to entice their new friends into swinging sees Seth Rogan's character excited by the prospect, but unable to get over his insecurities about his failing relationship.

HAMNET: William Shakespeare, played by Paul Mescal, is portrayed as quite the feminist in this story about the death of his son, Hamnet. Not only does he marry an older woman, he also supports her when family members despair of their union, which was pretty progressive for the time.

DELIVER ME FROM NOWHERE: Bruce Springsteen openly talked about "womanising" early in his career. But, in this story about the recording of the album Nebraska in the 1980s, Jeremy Allen White's portrayal is of a man who often stares off into the distance and mostly wants to be left alone by the opposite sex.

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PM's so happy to give train drivers a good deal, he'll let them WFH next

WITH the summer now over, out go the sunnies, Birkenstocks and Havaianas.

Same ol' flip-flopping Labour, though.

That being said, some U-turns are better than others, and shiny PM Andy Burnham's decision to ensure PC Andrew Harper's killers will remain behind bars is, on the surface, the correct one.

Critics argue the change could undermine progressive prison reforms in England and Wales, and that the steps Burnham has outlined to free up space will take longer to bring into force, thereby putting the orderly management of prisons at risk.

But, ultimately, this was a PR move – and a wise one.

The late, brave policeman's family had campaigned widely and vociferously against the Government's prisoner early-release scheme, and in so doing had won the hearts and minds of the nation. So, early in his tenure, Burnham could not risk losing the goodwill that has greeted his flashy arrival into No10.

For a man so obsessed with TikTok, an app whose very reason for being is "likes", the Manchester Messiah knew he couldn't mess up this one.

It would have been catastrophic for his popularity ratings. And this is a man of the people, who loves to be loved.

But, quietly, behind the scenes another reversal has happened. One without any fanfare. And one which Burnham and his supporters quite clearly hoped might go under the radar.

At the end of last week, our unelected Prime Minister – the Andy "I love The Smiths, and a pint" to Keir's "son of a toolmaker" Starmer – handed train drivers a lucrative pay rise to avoid strikes on the London-to-Manchester line.

SOFT . . . Burnham

In Burnham's first significant public-sector wage deal, in other words, he has completely and utterly capitulated to the trade unions.

Avanti West Coast will now enjoy bumper pay deals.

Drivers who already enjoy starting salaries of around £70k a year will now be offered time-and-a-half on Sundays, and get a single-year wage rise of 3.6 per cent as well as up to £720 simply for turning up to work on the fifth day of the working week.

And a reminder, Avanti is one of Britain's worst-performing train operators, with just 57.4 per cent of services arriving on time in the latest 12-month period.

I mean, let's not forget that Burnham's first journey to London as the Makerfield MP was delayed by 21 minutes on the 10:54 to London Euston.

Terrifying omen

So, great news for the PM's Number 10 North, bad news for every hardworking taxpayer asked to stump up for it and spare Eyelashes Andy's blushes over "running 20 minutes late for PMQs".

No more excuses now, lad.

But if Labour's latest comrade is already caving in so spectacularly to the union bosses, what, pray, lies in store for the rest of us?

It's just what happened in the old nationalised railways of the Fifties and Sixties, and a slightly terrifying omen for what lies ahead.

What message, then, does this send out to the already overworked NHS front-line staff?

Strike under Burnham and you'll get, I dunno, to WFH. (Surely robots can perform open-heart surgery unassisted by now, eh?)

And what about our teachers? Might they be next? (Again?)

It has been a truly special summer of glorious sunny days and magical sport.

Now, I fear a truly torrid, union-led winter of discontent.

PILLOW TALK . . . Vanessa and, *inset*, Richard. Below, Penny

Picture: STEWART WILLIAMS

VANESSA FELTZ is the latest presenter to walk away from linear TV, and try her hand at YouTube.

So far, she's had Richard Madeley on her bed, Danniella Westbrook in her bath tub and Penny Lancaster rampaging through her corridors.

In a world of bland, cupcake-making celebs, with their carefully curated pastel backdrops and sanitised chats, perhaps such chaos is exactly what we need in this Brave New World.

BACKTRACK . . . Grint

RUPES IN RON TURN

"THOSE are my principles and if you don't like them, well, I have others" – so said Groucho Marx, poking fun at politicians.

He's not an MP, but Rupert Grint appears to have a touch of the Groucho about him.

The actor – by all accounts, a lovely chap, but that's largely by the by – has been rather vocal in his condemnation of JK Rowling, the woman who helped make him his millions.

Now, the star is reprising the role of Ron Weasley in Harry Potter and The Cursed Child on Broadway.

Which is all well and fine.

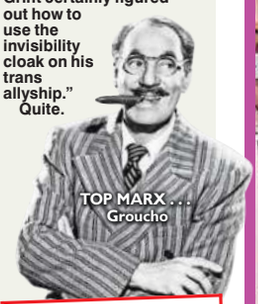
Except Rupes was oh-so-quick to jump on the bandwagon when Ms Rowling was getting slammed for her beliefs in single-sex spaces for women.

In June 2020, shortly after Rowling published a controversial lengthy essay on her website, he released a statement.

"I firmly stand with the trans community," he said in a statement to The Times. "Trans women are women. Trans men are men. We should all be entitled to live with love and without judgment."

As one commentator remarked: "Well, Rupert Grint certainly figured out how to use the invisibility cloak on his trans allyship."

Quite.



TOP MARX . . . Groucho

IN a world of Miss Worlds, how do you pick a Miss World?

The annual international pageant commences on Saturday, and is expected to be watched by around two billion people.

But thanks to filler, Botox, hair extensions, fake tans and Instagram filters, frankly it's nigh-on impossible to tell one contestant from another.

Can all of the above, then you'd have a comp I'd watch.

BORING . . . new City kit

STRIP IS SUCH A BOT JOB

MANCHESTER City: how disappointing.

With much self-congratulatory fanfare, and under the catchy slogan "Designed by one of us, chosen by all of us", the club announced its 26/27 Third Kit was designed by fans.

Except, really, it wasn't.

It was AI-generated, vaguely led by supporters.

Fans from over 200 countries were given prompts to shove into an intelligence generator, before the winning kit was eventually selected. Reinventing the wheel, this dull white and blue kit is not.

So much of this cynical ploy feels disingenuous.

For a club which "targets net zero emissions by 2030 through extensive renewable energy", why use AI – one of the most terrifying causes of global emissions – to, quite literally, do the dirty work for you?

And, in a move designed to "bolster community", why deprive a local artist or designer the opportunity – and cash – to design something truly creative, and special?

But no.

Instead we have a truly bland, personality and community-lacking shirt which, well, rather sums up AI.

LADIES and gentlemen, don't do it. 2026 is apparently the year of pistachio, with a new poll hailing "this fresh, expressive shade in so many parts of culture". Pistachio green is a step away from avocado – and those bathrooms veritably haunt a generation of boomers.

DOC'S AN OWEN GOAL

IS Michael Owen proof that not every footballer and his family needs a fly-on-the-wall documentary?

The former England and Liverpool ace, bless 'im, has been blessed with many, many things: good looks, a beautiful right foot, a lovely home life and lots of money.

Devilish charisma, however, was perhaps not on his Lotto ticket of life.

Highlights of Meet The Owens include watching Michael, *inset*, spread Dairylea on toast, a three-minute sequence of him decorating a Christmas tree, and asking his kids to turn out the lights in their bedrooms.

Reviews of his new Prime series have been "mixed", to be kind.

In a truly savage review, The Independent gave it one star, adding: "It is so tedious it begins to feel like a joke, albeit one without a punchline."

Still, testimony to the British public's willingness to watch paint dry/Michael waxing lyrical about his love of orcas, last night it was sitting pretty at No2 in the Prime charts.

Or maybe, in a world of manosphere muppets, we just love a nice guy.

SQUEEZE AT TILLS ...AGAIN

2yr high at shops

INFLATION in high street shops has hit a near two-year high, figures show.

Last month, prices were 1.5 per cent more than they were a year ago, according to the British Retail Consortium.

Groceries have seen the biggest rise, with food now costing 2.8 per cent more than in August 2025.

Long-life cupboard staples, such as tinned and packaged goods, are 2.5 per cent higher. And fresh food is three per cent more expensive.

By MARTINA BET

Prices for non-food goods jumped a more modest 0.9 per cent.

The BRC said increased costs for energy and raw materials were being passed on to customers.

BRC boss Helen Dickinson warned: "The months ahead look challenging for households, with rising bills putting further pressure on budgets.

"Retailers are facing high operating costs, which limits their ability to absorb further increases without impacting investment and jobs.

"If the Government is serious about supporting growth while keeping the cost of living in check, it must tackle the growing burden of business rates, packaging and employment taxes."

The figures pile pressure on Andy Burnham as he prepares to put the cost of living at the heart of a his first Commons statement as PM today.

2.8% Year-on-year rise in cost of food in August, up from 2.2% in July

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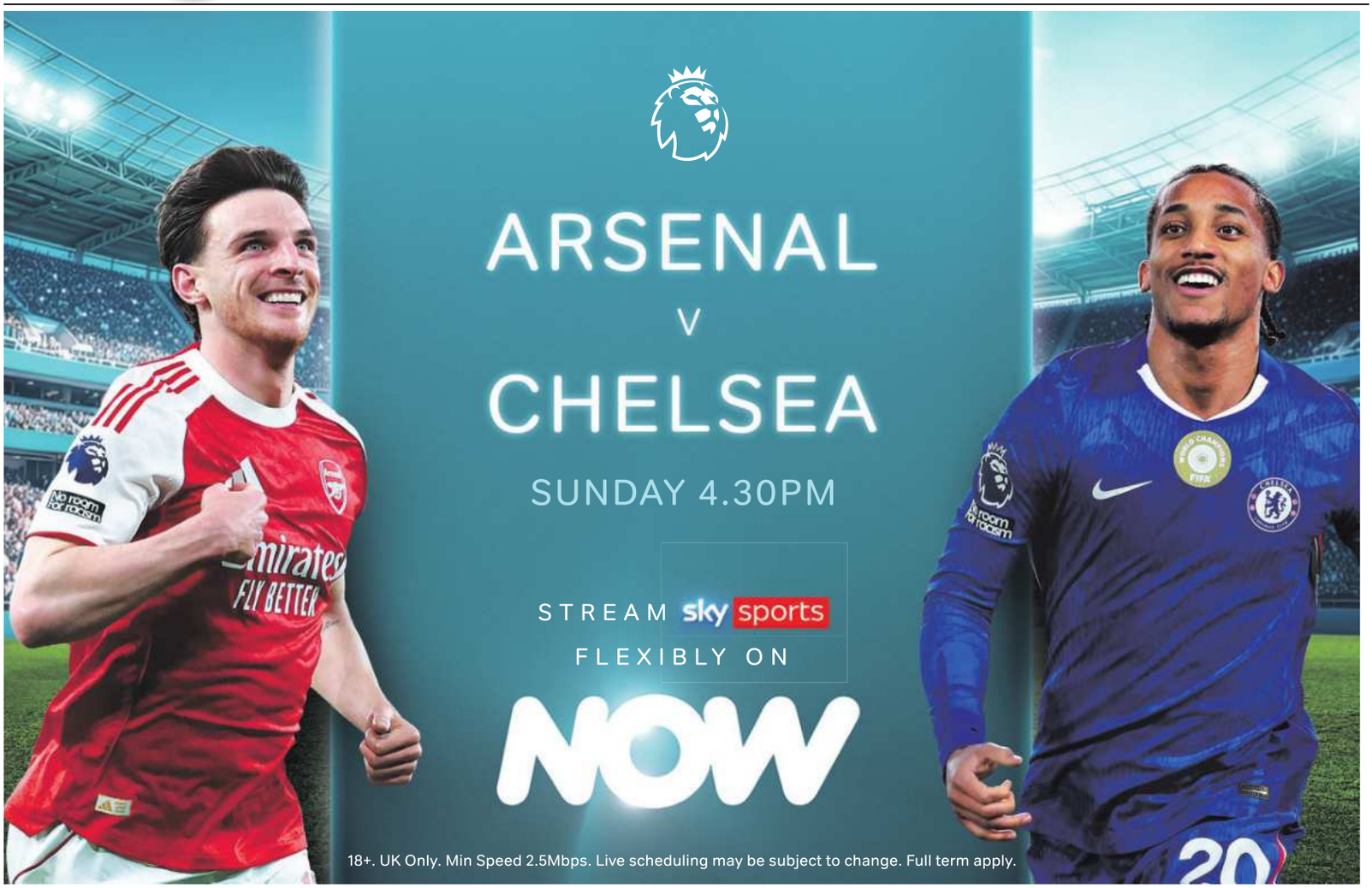

Close . . . the stunt

Airline: Stadium roof stunt was safe

By LAUREN UTTLEY

AN airline has defended flying two of its passenger jets low over a packed stadium during a rugby international.

The South African Airlink aircraft were seen appearing to almost brush the venue's roof as fireworks were set off.

Air tracker site Flightradar24 estimated they were just 50ft above Cape Town's DHL Stadium, where South Africa were playing New Zealand.

The airline captioned an online video: "Planning. Precision. Performance."

But Pilots Association president Chris Martinus called it "unwise".

Airlink said the planes, which had only flight crew on board, were flown by highly experienced teams each comprised of three senior captains. It added the flights were within the "approved and rehearsed safety altitude and speed limits for the flypast".

Outburst . . . Carner

Beeb is blasted for Nigel jibe artist

By ZARA QURESHI

THE BBC has been criticised for broadcasting footage of an artist rapping: "F*** Nigel Farage and free Palestine."

The outburst came in Brit hip-hop star Loyle Carner's Reading Festival performance on Sunday.

It sparked huge cheers from the crowd who sung the insults back to him.

Carner's set is available on BBC iPlayer – and is described as "poignant and uplifting". It carries a warning for strong and discriminatory language.

One critic on X said it proved the BBC "needs shutting down for good".

But a Reading set by Irish trio Kneecap in which they repeated the "free Palestine" slogan and called Andy Burnham a "w***er" is not on iPlayer.

The Carner broadcast will spark fresh questions over the BBC's handling of politically charged performances after last year's Glastonbury row involving punk duo Bob Vylan.

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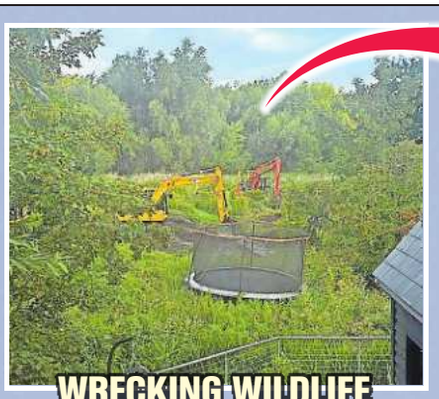
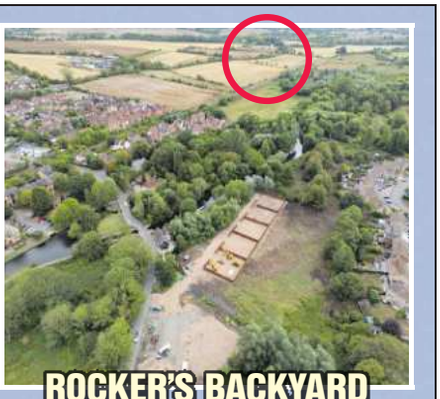


WRECKING WILDLIFE

Diggers move in, destroying the nature habitat

DIGGY RASCALS

Fences and caravans set up after ground levelled



ROCKER'S BACKYARD

Sir Rod's mansion, circled, less than a mile away

COPS BLOCK TRAVELLERS' LAND GRAB

Locals' relief after diggers invasion

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

DEFIANT villagers celebrated after a 24-hour vigil to stop a land grab by travellers ended with police turfing workers off the site.

Up to 100 locals watched over the wildlife area – less than a mile from Sir Rod Stewart's £4.65million mansion – after diggers turned up at the weekend.

Workers began putting in fences and hardcore and laying pipes on the wetland and nature reserve in Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

The travellers, who recently bought three fields in the area, ignored a temporary stop notice from East Herts District Council on Saturday and also refused access to Environment Agency officials concerned by the effect of pipework on the nearby River Stort.

Residents monitored the site through Sunday night as the council sought an injunction – and when the workers returned at 8am yesterday, police quickly arrived.

Locals said officers threatened the travellers with arrest if work continued – thanks to a sweeping High Court injunction obtained early yesterday that has banned further development and caravans or mobile homes being occupied.

One resident said: "It was a festival atmosphere overnight.

"We were warned not to interfere when the travellers came back, just to let them start working but tell the police as soon as the injunction was broken.

"They came and turfed them out quickly and they say they will now keep guard."

A bare-chested, tattooed security guard, *above*, stayed on the site and said: "I'm here to stop anybody coming on to this land who might try to remove or destroy the machinery."

One local called Laura, 45, said: "I love to walk here with my son but now there's nothing left of it. They've destroyed the habitat for the wildlife."

Another High Court hearing is due on September 15.

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Picture: JOHN MCLELLAN

LOCALS' PROTEST

Determined residents' 24-hr vigil

Police move in . . after High Court's decision

Neighbours . . Rod & Penny

BECKY HILL's weekend set at Creamfields went down a storm, quite literally.

The What Do I Have To Do? singer was caught up in the thunder and lightning that struck the site in Cheshire on Sunday – and soaked her dressing room.

An onlooker said: "Becky's costumes were in a flight box outside her area and the lid had been left open. The heavens opened and everything was getting sodden.

"Luckily someone rushed over and slammed it shut as her outfits would have been ruined.

"Her team got everything inside and dried before Becky went on."

SIMON PEGG became Shaun Of The Decks by performing a DJ set at Big Feastival.

The event, put on by BLUR rocker ALEX JAMES, saw the actor playing for 90 minutes to a star-struck crowd.

The Shaun of The Dead star was later spotted chomping on a huge burger.

I'm sure he would have had a Cornetto for pud . . .

Si drops Big tunes

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THAT'S SOME TIP, ARIANA

ARIANA GRANDE returns to the stage at London's O2 Arena tonight for what will be her final performance on UK soil for years to come.

And while her ten-date residency sold out in seconds, I'm told the singer held back tickets for staff in her fave London boozer, The Holly Bush. Ariana was a regular at the Hampstead pub during her time shooting film Wicked in the capital.

A source said: "Ariana wanted to thank the staff at the pub for being so kind.

"She quietly held tickets for the managers and staff at the pub so they could come and watch her perform on the tour."

The Holly Bush has now become a mecca for Ariana's fans. But if you're popping in for a pint, brace yourself, because it's not cheap – with a lager at £7.50 a pop.

DOLLY PARTON's estate have announced that DollyFest will come to Nashville and London on successive weekends next year. The event, to celebrate the country legend, was due to take place in January this year but was axed due to her health.

MAISIE'S HAVING A BAD SPELL

SOMEONE needs to call the police, **MAISIE WILLIAMS** has been fleeced.

The Game Of Thrones actress has revealed she found a witch and asked her to cast a spell to land her a job. And, unsurprisingly, the magic was totally duff.

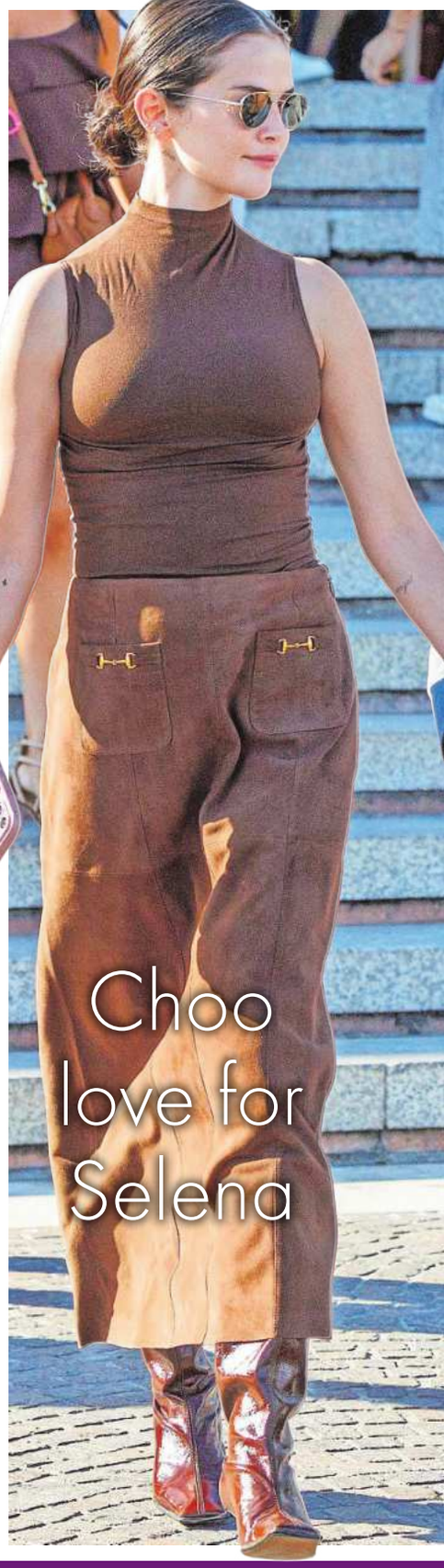
Maisie said: "I paid a witch to help me manifest a role in a movie and she told me some things that I had to say every night.

"I said them every night . . . And it didn't happen."

Then discussing her superstitions, she added: "I don't like to walk over three consecutive drains.

"Even if I end up walking into oncoming traffic, I just have to avoid it."

You say that now, Maisie. But when you're flattened by the No10 bus, it's going to be a whole different kettle of fish.



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GOT GOSSIP? CALL OR WHATSAPP THE

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With HOWELL DAVIES & JACK HARDWICK

Tyla is for real

ELLE UK/JESSICA MADAVO

HER career might be going stellar but TYLA has her feet firmly on the ground.

Speaking in the October issue of Elle UK, on sale from Thursday, the singer said: "When you're a celebrity, you sometimes get lost in it.

"You think that's the real world, but it's not.

"Because I was able to watch the industry from afar – very far, from the bottom of Africa – I saw it as this untouchable realm.

"Now that I'm in it, I know the difference. I know what's real and I know what's not.

Tyla – who posed in a leather coat, *left*, for the mag – added: "I think that's why I'm able to be more playful about it now and not take it as seriously. Because it isn't that serious.

"There are way more serious things happening in the world, you know."

Finally, a celebrity talking some sense.

ALI G IZ BACK ON TRACK

SACHA BARON COHEN has another treat up his sleeves for fans of his Staines-born rapper Ali G.

The new film, Who Iz I?, is just two months away from being released and we're told Sacha is slipping into character next week to film a music video for a new single, which will be released to accompany the film.

A source said: "Ali G is back and he's more outrageous than ever.

"Sacha is really leaning into this and wanted to bring out new music with Ali.

"The song is done and he is filming a new video for it next week."

Ali's most popular release, Me Julie, featuring **SHAGGY** peaked at No2 in the charts when it was released in 2002.

But our music moles told us that the Jamaican rapper won't be returning on this track with Shaggy commenting, "It wasn't me," when we asked him about the latest song. Ali G fans got a first glimpse of him back in action in July when he snuck into Centre Court at Wimbledon during the men's finals.

Sacha headed into the court, where the **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS OF WALES** watched **JANNIK SINNER** beat **ALEXANDER ZVEREV**, in normal clothes before slipping into his Ali G costume.

He then unleashed his persona on social media, launching a new Instagram account and sharing pictures of himself pretending to sell drugs to other Wimbledon fans at the game.

Ali also handed out fake bags of cannabis and posted on social media: "Them say that tennis is better played on grass, which is why I intend to sell as much of it while I is 'ere."

As he left the match, Sacha kept in character and said of the royals being in the stands: "**PRINCE HARRY** owes me £1,400.

"I used to be his dealer at Eton. I was here to get the cash back, innit."

SELENA GOMEZ and BENNY BLANCO are celebrating their first wedding anniversary in style, after splashing out over £20,000 to ride the Orient Express from London to Venice.

The American lovebirds were all smiles as they strolled hand in hand from the train station to catch a water taxi.

Selena and music producer Benny are starting their celebrations early, as their official anniversary is not until September 27 – but doubtless have more fun planned.

Selena looked quite the global hitmaker as she stepped out in all brown, hair slicked back, while Benny cut a dash in blue – but I'm not sure about those shoes . . .

FAMI-LEIGH VIEWING

Singer on Who Do You Think You Are?

FROM performing in LITTLE MIX and as a solo star, LEIGH-ANNE PINNOCK has become a big celebrity with fans all over the world.

But now she's going back to where it all started by appearing on BBC series, Who Do You Think You Are?.

The genealogy show will follow the singer, who is six months pregnant with her third child, as she explores her family history in the UK before flying over to Jamaica.

My TV insider said: "Leigh-Anne has already filmed the majority of her episode and to say it has been emotional would be an understatement.

"She has learned so much about her heritage and the hard lives her ancestors had.

"It was really eye-opening for her. Especially now that she is a mother, it really hit home how different the life she leads is, and how lucky she is."

Leigh-Anne was born in High Wycombe, Bucks, but both of her grandfathers emigrated to the UK from the Caribbean in the Sixties as part of the Windrush generation.

Her father John's dad came from Jamaica, while mum Deborah has ancestry in Barbados.

Back in studio

Leigh-Anne has visited Jamaica regularly since she was three years old, describing it as her "second home".

The singer even chose it as the location for her wedding to footballer **ANDRE GRAY** in 2023.

In her memoir Believe, which was published the same year, she said: "It always feels like home from the moment my foot hits the earth." Who Do You Think You Are? is not the only telly appearance that Leigh-Anne will be making in the coming months.

At the beginning of the summer, she spent time locked up in Scotland's Ardross Castle filming the second series of BBC One's The Celebrity Traitors.

Set to air this autumn, it will see her face off against other stars including Love Island host **MAYA JAMA**, comedian **MIRANDA HART** and EastEnders hardman **ROSS KEMP**.

Along with her pregnancy, live shows and filming, Leigh-Anne has recently been back in the studio working on some new music after her debut album My Ego Told Me To went to No3 in March.

And somehow, I doubt that she will get much time to relax when her third baby arrives.

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GET A HEAD START ON SCHOOLDAY BREAKFASTS

Pots of ideas

IT will be back to morning chaos soon when the school gates reopen.

But you can beat the scramble with a batch of make-ahead breakfasts to save both time and money.

Here are just a few of our fuss-free favourites . . .

SAVOURY MUFFINS: Grab 'n' go muffins are good for nibbling on the way to school or as an extra lunch box filler.

Simply mix 200g plain flour, 2tsp baking powder, two eggs, 150ml milk and 50ml oil.

Add in any fridge leftovers such as cheese, courgette, tomatoes or chopped ham.

Then pop the mix into a cupcake or muffin tin and bake for 15-20 minutes at around 200C. Once cooled, keep them in an airtight container in the fridge for up to five days or freeze to reheat on the day.

EGG ROLLS: Whisk six eggs with a splash of milk and pour into a shallow baking tray lined with greaseproof paper. Bake at 180C for about ten minutes.

Sprinkle grated cheese, ham or spinach on top then roll and slice into pinwheels.

Keep them in a tub and then freeze. On busy mornings, they just need a quick blast in the microwave.

BREAKFAST BURRITOS: For a filling brekkie the whole family will love, fill tortilla wraps with scrambled eggs, sausages or bacon and some grated cheese.

Wrap them individually in greaseproof paper and freeze. When you're ready to eat them, microwave straight from the freezer for 2-3 minutes.

OAT BARS: For a cheap, sweet option, mix 200g porridge oats with 2tbsp of peanut butter, a couple of mashed, ripe bananas and 2tbsp honey, plus raisins.

Press the mixture into a lined baking tray then bake for around 15 minutes on a low heat until golden.

While cooling, slice them into bars and then store in an air-tight container.

YOGHURT TUBS: A granola pot will set you back around £2 at the supermarket, which soon adds up for families.

Instead, get Asda's set of four mini tubs for £2 and make your own.

Layer yoghurt, granola and frozen fruit together and refrigerate overnight, ready to go for the morning.

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'Potential' . . . Dr Jogiya

A.I. reads heart test results in seconds

By SAM BLANCHARD

HEART disease can be diagnosed in two seconds with AI technology being tested in the NHS.

The kit developed at Imperial College London is able to analyse an electrocardiogram result at superhuman speed.

It was up to 90 per cent accurate in a trial and spotted details invisible to the naked eye.

Nearly 400,000 NHS patients are waiting for heart tests.

Dr Roy Jogiya, of charity Heart Research UK, said: "The real potential is for AI to act as an incredibly rapid extra pair of eyes."

The heart technology will be tested in NHS hospitals in London and Bristol to filter high and low-risk patients.

Other software developed at Tokyo University can detect high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes from a five-second video of a patient's face.

Laughing stock . . fight

Coming on thick at gravy fight club

By RYAN PARRY

FIGHTERS knocked lumps out of each other yesterday – at the World Gravy Wrestling Championships.

The event, which began in 2007, involves 1,500 litres of gravy – enough for 15,000 Sunday roasts – being poured into a ring

Crowds flocked to its new venue, Bacup Cricket Club in Lancashire, after it outgrew its previous home in Rossendale.

Contestants from around the globe wore fancy dress and got messy in slippery bouts of two minutes each.

Andrew Holt is in charge of the gravy, which he makes from his grandmother's recipe.

He said: "We have to make three types so that we can ensure the consistency is the same for all competitors.

"This includes thin and slippy, thick and gooey, and extra thick."

The event aims to raise money for East Lancashire Hospice.

NEPAL FLOODING HELL

Destruction . . . at village of Trishuli, in Nepal

There is no hope any more

BRIT'S FEAR FOR NEW WIFE

939 DEAD IN DISASTER

Search . . . Pramod, right, with dad and grandad, left

Heartache . . . Pramod and missing wife Sumitra

By AMIR RAZAVI in Gerkhu, Nepal

A NEWLYWED Briton searching for his wife who went missing in the Nepal floods says he now believes she was swept to her death.

Pramod Poudel, 34, flew out on Friday to find 25-year-old Sumitra, having lost contact with her when disaster struck two days earlier.

He trekked for 11 hours through the Himalayas in a desperate attempt to reach his home village of Sole to scour the muddy wreckage for his missing wife, whom he married only in June, and his mum, brother and uncle.

Food truck owner Pramod could only reach a neighbouring town. But another uncle, Rishi Prasad Pyakurel, 51, flew in on a military helicopter and was unable to find their relatives.

Heartbroken Pramod has concluded his loved ones were washed away by the 100mph torrent of water, mud and ice caused by a glacier collapse.

Speaking to The Sun at his family's home in nearby village Gerkhu, Pramod sobbed: "Everyone has been swept away. Not only my family, but my friends, too.

"Yesterday, I sent my wife a message telling her, 'I'm coming to find you'. I still had hope. There is no hope any more. It's extremely difficult."

Pramod previously told us Nepalese hotel worker Sumitra's last words to him were "I love you so much" during a phone conversation.

Moments later, it is believed she was swept away by the tsunami-like wave which began on the Nepal-Tibet border.

Last night, the death toll was 939 – with at least 3,925 missing in Nepal and in China-run Tibet.

Among the missing are 48 Britons, many of who were on a pilgrimage to Mount Kailash. In all, 583 foreign nationals are "out of communication".

Pramod, of Uckfield, East Sussex, broke down as he spoke of the pain of losing Sumitra as well as his mum Tulisa, 52, brother Pardip, 31, and uncle Madhav, 64. He said: "Some of the villagers who survived think they didn't have time to get out of the house. The flood was very quick and very big.

"All my dreams have been shattered."

Pramod, known as Pedro to his British friends, said about 90 per cent of Sole had been wrecked and all of its 60 homes washed away. At least 56 out of about 150 residents have died.

He is with his dad Purusottam and grandad Krishana Prasad Pyakurel.

Pramod said: "My old school is gone, my schoolfriends are gone. It's hard to explain what was going through my mind when I saw the village destroyed."

Army engineers have carried out a controlled explosion to blast into a tunnel at a hydropower site, where many workers are trapped. And officials in China have warned of eight "high-risk geological disaster points" which could suffer from further flooding.

The Communist state has been accused of concealing information about the disaster. Its official figures claim 16 people have died in Tibet, with 546 missing. The International Campaign for Tibet insists figures are much higher.

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Trouble . . . Brinsford

Lags' big TV joy at UK most violent jail

By JULIA ATHERLEY

INMATES who "behave themselves" at Britain's most violent prison can get a bigger TV in their cell, a report reveals.

Bosses at 500-capacity HMP Brinsford, Staffs, decide if inmates have a standard 15in TV or are upgraded to a screen of 24in or more, based on behaviour.

Over 12 months, 527 assaults were recorded at the jail, which is also a young offenders' institute, the HM Prisons Inspectorate report said.

But prisons' chief inspector Charlie Taylor said he had "optimism things will improve".

He said: "Well-behaved prisoners had access to some benefits such as bigger TVs and additional association time."

But an insider said: "TVs in cells do keep offenders occupied – but giving them bigger tellies just because they've not kicked off recently is a bit of a p**s take."

War crimes . . Neyelov

Russian torturer's bombed in his car

By NICK PARKER

A TORTURER of Ukrainian prisoners of war has been blown up in a suspected car bomb attack.

Dmitry Neyelov, deputy of the Olenivka camp in occupied Donetsk, is said to have tortured, beat and humiliated captured troops and civilians.

Reports suggested a bomb planted under the car exploded as Neyelov, 44, was getting into it.

Russian-led authorities have not disclosed the prison beast's condition.

Two Ukrainian security service sources corroborated the car bombing.

In December 2024, Sergei Yevsyukov, 49, the former head of the camp, was killed in a car bombing in Donetsk.

He had faced a charge of mass murder over a 2022 explosion at the jail when at least 53 Ukrainian POWs were killed.

Ukrainian agents have targeted war commanders in both Russian and occupied Ukraine.

CRUISE SPEED ON GRID

Picture: GETTY

TOM Cruise laps up the attention at a Nascar race at the famous Daytona International Speedway.

The Mission: Impossible star, 64, grinned as he posed with grid girls in Florida after confirming yesterday that he was filming a sequel to Days Of Thunder. The

By ELLIE HENMAN

Devil Wears Prada's Anne Hathaway, 43, *right*, will also star.

Tom, who will return as driver Cole Trickle in the 2028 release, met his now ex-wife Nicole Kidman while filming the 1990 original.

COUNTRY ICON'S FUNERAL

DOLLY AT PEACE BY HUBBY'S SIDE

Together . . . Carl and Dolly

DOLLY Parton has been laid to rest in a private funeral attended by her family.

The country music great was buried next to husband Carl Dean on Friday at the Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville, Tennessee.

Their shared memorial bears both names, an image of two interlocking wedding rings, and the inscription "Married May 30, 1966". The

By SCARLET HOWES, US Editor

send-off was "very simple" and what "Dolly would have wanted", sources said.

The Sun last week revealed that the country music star wanted to have her dad's favourite song If We Never Meet Again (This Side of Heaven) played at the service.

Dolly's great-niece, Lainey Mae Parton, gave an emotional tribute confirming the burial had taken place.

The superstar's family have not yet released an official statement. Lainey, 20, wrote on Saturday: "I wanted to wait until after my granny was laid to rest yesterday before I tried to put any of this into words."

She said she knew the star as "Aunt Granny", a name that captured the central role Dolly played within her enormous family.

Lainey explained although Dolly and Carl never had children, she made the younger members of the family feel like they belonged to her.

She added: "She loved us that way and I'll forever be grateful for that." Lainey also said Dolly – who died last Tuesday aged 80 after a brief battle with cancer – helped pay for her beauty school education and encouraged her musical ambitions.

Full funeral details have not been publicly released. Dolly's husband of nearly 59 years, Carl, 82, died last year.

An obituary posted by Woodlawn Memorial Park remembered "her timeless music and prolific songwriting, but also her wit, warmth, and kindness that made us all feel like family".

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EIGHT WAYS TO BOOST YOUR WELLNESS

ARE you ready for an autumn reset? With the summer holidays over and the evenings already drawing in, 44 per cent of us believe September is the ideal time to restart healthy habits for winter, according to a new survey.

The research, conducted by Boots, showed that this month is now rivalling January as a time for fresh starts with 48 per cent of people hitting the beginning of the year and regretting not investing in their wellbeing earlier.

So, as we prepare to move into the new season, GP Helen Wall gives LAURA STOTT her top tips to achieve peak winter wellness, starting now...

Put your legs up

MOST UK adults will typically catch two colds or viruses between September and March, so begin taking immune-boosting action now to avoid getting run down.

Start by taking ten minutes a day to lie on your back with your head on the floor and lift your legs up against the wall.

Resting in this position helps to calm down the nervous system and reduces stress levels, which can otherwise make us more prone to catching bugs.

Lifting the legs upwards also encourages blood flow which circulates germ-busting antibodies to different parts of the body.

Eating at least five portions of fruit and veggies daily, alongside zinc-packed meat, poultry, cheese, and shellfish, offers proven health and anti-viral boosts.

Curry favour

SCOFFING spicy food is a great way to naturally load up your body with antibacterial and anti-inflammatory ingredients, so set summer salads aside and put some tea-time heat back on the menu.

Chillis and other peppers contain an active compound called capsaicin which has broad antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties that can help the body fight off pathogens.

Other spices found in fierier dishes, such as ginger and turmeric, are also packed with protective anti-inflammatory antioxidants.

If tucking into an eye-watering Vindaloo isn't your thing, milder options such as Thai green curries also deliver.

Or slice up servings of regular sweet peppers with any meal.

Calm your inner caveman

SOMETIMES known as the "caveman brain", circadian rhythm is our body's natural biological clock which makes us feel sleepy when it is dark and alert when it is light.

But the limited daylight as winter approaches can disrupt our body clock and make it harder to get consistent sleep.

Getting around seven to eight hours of shut-eye a night is ideal and offers immune-boosting benefits.

So act now to implement a regular bedtime routine to ensure you get the kip you need and make the descent into darkness less disruptive.

But don't be tempted to hibernate. More than nine hours' sleep can make you more susceptible to seasonal nasties.

The joy of socks

GETTING your warmer socks, jumpers, coats and blankets ready now won't just stop you from being caught out when the first autumnal chills arrive, but can also stop some health conditions setting in.

If you suffer with joint aches or conditions such as arthritis or back pain which can worsen over winter, keeping warm and wearing cosy layers can help soothe seasonal stiffness.

Heat patches and electric blankets can also bring respite.

Remember to keep moving as much as possible too.

If joint pain increases over winter, always speak to your GP.

Book a booster

PLAN ahead and start thinking about seasonal vaccinations now.

Check what you are eligible for with your GP or pharmacist and book in early before viruses begin to circulate.

Flu, Covid, shingles and RSV vaccinations are offered by the NHS to many patients and can help protect against these illnesses, especially for those at greater risk.

You might also find that your workplace or employer offers some.

Certain pharmacies also have walk-in vaccinations to help you stay flu-free, so check locally.

Vitamin D-Day

GET into the habit of taking a daily supplement of vitamin D, which is vital to keep bones, teeth and muscles healthy.

In summer, our body creates Vitamin D from the sun's UBV rays on the skin.

But between October and early March, limited daylight means it is difficult for us to absorb enough naturally. It is also tricky to get enough vitamin D from our diet.

The NHS recommends all adults take 10 microgram supplements daily through autumn and winter months.

Buy the tablets in pharmacies and supermarkets for £2 to £3.

Turn down the heat

COLD weather, wind and central heating can all be tough on the skin.

Autumn is a good time to start planning ahead for seasonal skin irritants.

Swap lighter lotions for richer, thicker moisturisers, ointments or oils to prevent damage to the skin barrier. Protective emollient cleansers also clean without stripping away natural oils.

It is tempting to turn the water temperature up as the days get colder but hot, steamy showers or baths can damage the skin's natural protective barriers.

Stick to shorter, lukewarm washes instead.

Help happy hormones

SEASONAL mood dips, sluggishness and social withdrawal are frequently reported at the start of September, usually caused by reduced exposure to sunlight.

To fight back when your hibernation mode hits, do what you can around the autumn Equinox to encourage your body's natural happy hormones and endorphins.

Get out in the daylight to battle seasonal slumps and let natural light into your home first thing. Try to stay active and keep moving even when it is dark by 4pm and fill up your diary now with lots of social plans with your friends or family.

Keeping connected and having events to look forward to can keep flagging spirits up.

Controversy . . . John

Galliano Met Gala show is called off

By ELLIE HENMAN

A MET Gala exhibition celebrating British fashion designer John Galliano has been cancelled.

The scrapping of the 2027 retrospective at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art came amid an outcry over racist and antisemitic comments he made in 2010.

In a joint statement with the museum yesterday, he said: "After much reflection and discussion with The Met, I have decided, with great sadness, that it is best for the exhibition not to take place at this time.

"I remain fully accountable for the pain caused by my words in the past, particularly the hurt I caused to the Jewish and Asian communities, and I remain deeply sorry for it."

The museum said plans for a new exhibit to launch the star-studded 2027 Met Gala would be announced later.

Rescue . . . from sea

5 'idiots' cut off by tide on sea rock

By ALEX WEST

TOURISTS were rescued by helicopter after getting stranded on a rock in the sea as the tide came in.

Five people had to be winched up to the chopper before being taken ashore, where coastguards gave them safety advice.

They were described as reckless idiots for getting stranded at Chapel Rock in Marazion, Cornwall, on Sunday afternoon.

A witness said: "Idiots decided to stay on Chapel Rock, despite the tide coming in, putting their own lives and the lives of the rescue teams at risk.

"The RNLI and Cornwall Coastguard were then forced to rescue all five people from the rock, wasting valuable emergency resources.

"Completely reckless and avoidable."

The Penzance Coastguard Rescue Team said boats were sent but, with sea conditions worsening, an aerial rescue was deemed the safer option.

DAD'S DEJA TWO

Second home baby delivery after speedy labour

A DAD delivered his second baby daughter — four years after helping at a similar surprise birth for his first.

John Anderson, 39, had to step in when partner Adele Crisp went into labour early at home.

It was too late for her to get to hospital and, after just 21 minutes, 6lb 4.5oz Saige-Elizabeth came into the world.

By ROBIN PERRIE

It was the same story four years ago when their first child, Georgia, also arrived in a hurry at their home.

Adele, 34, said: "They both arrived really quickly, at the same house, and John had to catch both of the babies.

"It's crazy this happened not only once, but twice. You couldn't make it up. It felt like déjà vu."

In 2022, Adele only found out she was pregnant with Georgia at 28 weeks – and six weeks later her waters broke.

John called an ambulance and was talked through the delivery. Adele told him to catch the 5lb 12.5oz baby as she arrived after a little over two hours in labour.

In January, the couple found out Adele was pregnant again and she was due to be induced on August 19.

But five days before that her waters broke – and John could tell there was no time to make it to hospital so took charge of the delivery himself.

Full-time mum Adele, from Walker, Newcastle, said: "My partner's auntie, Julie, was supposed to be my birthing partner, but by the time she got her coat on and arrived, Saige was here."

At the double . . John with babies

£138k for vid game

A RARE, sealed copy of a 1997 Mario Kart game sold for £138,500 after an international bidding war.

Almost ten million copies of the game for the Nintendo 64 were sold – but 29 years later just 60 remain in a pristine, unopened condition.

Heritage Auctions in Texas, which sold it at the weekend, said: "It was the first four-player Mario Kart. Millions of people have nostalgic memories of this title."

DARK FALLS

Holywell Cave which featured in BBC TV series Poldark was totally blocked by a cliff fall in Cornwall at the weekend.

BROOKS PAINFUL!

Picture: BACKGRID

By ELLIE HENMAN

NEW Baywatch star Brooks Nader flashes her beach bum — complete with a bruise.

The US model and actress revealed the injury as she headed for a night out at the five-star Hotel Byblos in St Tropez.

Brooks, 29, arrived in France at the weekend after visiting Positano and Capri in Italy. The Baywatch reboot starts in January.

Winner . . . Rick

£500,000 on lotto I forgotto

By SEBASTIAN HAW

AN ex-soldier won £500,000 in a lottery draw – after forgetting he had even entered.

Rick Robinson, 58, who served with the Royal Artillery, thought his Postcode Lottery subscription had ended.

He was told he had won £250,000 on each of his two tickets and it only sank in when he checked his banking app.

Rick, from Street, Somerset, said: "I totally forgot I was still playing.

"I thought it was a joke initially. I can't even comprehend how much money that is. It's insane, an incredible amount."

Rick plans to take wife Sharon, 56, to the Scottish Highlands and Brecon Beacons, treat their four grandkids, and put the prize towards his retirement fund.

He plans to carry on working as a warehouse operations manager, saying: "It keeps me fit."

Stung by 'No10' ad

TOURISTS have been duped by an online listing for an overnight stay at No10 Downing Street.

Pitched as just a four-minute stroll from the Houses of Parliament, the Booking.com ad had 14 requests within minutes

Consumer group Which? set up the hoax to investigate the site's security. It said it created the listing in minutes and it stayed live for six weeks.

Booking.com said: "This limited test is not a true reflection of the experience of millions of listings or reviews published on our platform."

OUT OF POCKETMAN

Sir Elton John's Bentley Continental GT Speed, which cost him £155,000 12 years ago, sold for just £27,000 in Northants.

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Wanted . . . Frankel

£266m money launder 3 hunted

By MIKE SULLIVAN

THREE fugitives are on the run over a £266million money laundering plot believed to be the biggest in UK history.

Gregory Frankel, 48, Haroon Rashid, 56, and Arjun Babber, 34, were sentenced in their absence last year.

They helped funnel the cash into Bradford scrap jeweller Fowler Oldfield between 2014 and 2016.

The money was then used to buy gold, which was shipped to Dubai using fake invoices.

Frankel, from Shipley, was jailed for 11 years, eight months, Rashid, of Bradford, to ten years and Babber, of Westminster, London, to 11.

Daniel Rawson, 49, the only one present in court, got ten years, ten months.

Two others – Baqa Haider, 51, and Nathan Rivers, 45 – were convicted at a trial in July.

West Yorkshire Police are hunting the missing trio believed to be abroad.

Bar none . . Winstone

Gent Ray not been to pub in two years

By AMIR RAZAVI

THE Gentlemen telly star Ray Winstone says he has not been to a pub for more than two years after getting sick of "talking b*****ks" and getting drunk with pals.

The London-born actor, 69, who plays Bobby Glass in the Netflix show, said he stopped his lifetime habit of drinking in boozers in 2024, and now only has wine when eating in a restaurant.

Dad-of-three Ray said he is instead enjoying time in the mountains and sitting under trees at his Sicilian second home.

He said: "A couple of years ago I stopped smoking and I stopped drinking. I love a pub, but I haven't been to one for two years.

"I always thought, 'What would I do if I didn't go to the pub?'.

"But all you do is get pissed and talk the same b*****ks that you did the last time. I don't miss drinking."

TERROR OF VICTIM AS GROOMING GA

EXCLUSIVE By
JULIE BINDEL

BRUTALLY abused by a grooming gang from the age of 14, brave Fiona Goddard battled years of trauma to rebuild her life and protect her own children.

But news that one of her attackers, Mohammed Usman, was last week freed early from prison has left the mum-of-six's world "falling apart".

Fiona, 33 – who has waived her right to anonymity – is now in a safe house with her young kids, aged between one and 12, terrified that her court testimony which helped nail nine of her abusers in 2019 will bring devastating repercussions.

She has already received threats to firebomb her home from her attackers' acquaintances.

Vile Usman served only half of his 15-year stretch for abusing Fiona because he was sentenced before a change to the law in 2020, which now requires some serious offenders to do two-thirds of their time behind bars.

Speaking exclusively to The Sun, Fiona – who was raped and beaten by at least 50 men after a grooming gang first targeted her in 2008 while she lived in a Bradford children's home – said: "The whole ordeal has left me feeling broken.

"Since news of Usman's release, I've had countless threats on social media that my home would be set on fire with me and my children inside and my abusers would come to deliver 'real justice' when they get out of prison.

'No one helped me'

"I feel terrified. I have been accused of making up my abuse and told that the perpetrators are victimised, innocent men.

"How is it fair that my children and I are still living in fear after all I've been through?"

Her story comes as Prime Minister Andy Burnham bowed to a million-strong petition backed by The Sun this weekend and announced yet more changes to the early release scheme aimed at easing prison overcrowding.

While this means perpetrators of unlawful killing and historical sex offences will now be barred from early release, it doesn't apply to Fiona's case.

However, she said: "I'm still glad for other survivors.

"It's common sense that the worst crimes like rape, child sexual abuse and murder are all excluded from early release.

"I went through a lot to make sure those men went to prison.

"When I heard the sentence Mohammed Usman was originally given of at least 17 years, I felt relieved.

"But then it was reduced to 15 on appeal, and then, after just seven-and-a-half years, he has been released.

"It's unreal. I live in fear. Where's the justice in that?"

Growing up, Fiona was extremely vulnerable due to a difficult childhood, making her easy prey.

She said: "I was exposed to domestic violence in my childhood and my mother suffered her own mental health issues. This led to instability and I was placed in care.

"I just wanted love and attention."

The abuse started after Fiona ran away from the home with a friend.

She encountered an associate of a gang of highly dangerous, drug-dealing criminals who ensnared girls for their own sexual pleasure, as well as "renting them out" to business associates and other relatives.

At 16, she gave birth to her first baby, a girl, but while she was still being abused, social services removed her daughter, who was later adopted. "No one helped me during that time," said Fiona. "The abusers got away with it."

At 17, she finally escaped the gang's clutches after moving area. But life after the abuse was difficult and she suffered with agoraphobia for years.

She also became addicted to substances and ended up in an abusive relationship.

Fiona explained: "I suffered nightmares. Then, in 2013, the police turned up asking questions about an investigation into grooming gang crimes. I realised I could not move forward with my life until I faced what had happened."

In 2019, Fiona's determination to testify in court meant nine of her abusers – Usman, Basharat Khaliq, Saeed Akhtar, Naveed Akhtar, Parvaze Ahmed, Zeeshan Ali, Fahim Iqbal, Izar Hussain and Kieran Harris – were sent to jail, with sentences ranging from 18 months to 20 years.

While relieved to have secured justice of sorts, Fiona said: "This was the tip of the iceberg.

"At least 50 men raped and abused me during this time.

"Some weren't prosecuted because the police couldn't trace them.

"When people believe they are unlikely to be caught or face meaningful consequences, it can create a dangerous sense that they can act without fear of repercussions."

Just seven years on, all but one of those locked up have become eligible for early release.

To make matters worse, Fiona says she has been harassed online since February by people she believes are associates of grooming gang members. Last week, it got so bad she was moved to the safe house.

She says: "I was reported to anti-terrorism police for being a far-right radical, and to social services. Thankfully, they didn't take it seriously.

"I've been called a s**g and also had people laughing about me being gang raped. It's sickening.

"My children don't realise yet what's happening, but they can't even play outside without me watching them constantly. My oldest daughter is so upset, missing her best friend."

Fiona says she reported the harassment to police after receiving "countless" messages from anonymous accounts telling her she was being watc... fered state... anxi... De... to t... adv... Bu... "fall... shou... beer...

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LIVING IN FEAR . . . survivor Fiona Goddard is in a safe house with her kids as her abusers face freedom part-way through their jail terms

Picture: GLEN MINIKIN

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ANG SHE HELPED JAIL GETS EARLY RELEASE

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BACK ON THE STREETS . . . grooming gang fiend Mohammed Usman is out of prison after serving only half of his 15-year stretch

FACES OF EVIL . . . jailed for abusing Fiona were grooming gang members, *from top left,* Zeeshan Ali, Kieran Harris, Fahim Iqbal, Mohammed Usman, Basharat Khaliq, Saeed Akhtar, Naveed Akhtar, Parvaze Ahmed and Izar Hussain

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Usman managed to get his original
sentence reduced on appeal by saying
he did charity work in Pakistan while
on the run from rape charges.
She is understandably angry about
the way the Government has failed to
take decisive action over early release.
Referring to their latest U-turn,
which excludes perpetrators of unlaw-
ful killing and historical sex offences,
she says: "A government that can't
stick by its own decisions, whether
right or wrong, shows weakness.
"I'm in temporary accommodation
and I don't believe people in parlia-
ment have any idea of the real-life
implications of some of the legislation
that they pass. We need legislation to
make sure that licence conditions are
much stricter and to make sure they
face the consequences if they step out
of line."
Last month, asylum seekers arriving
in the UK were handed booklets
warning them that sex with children
is illegal, and that men and women
are equal under UK law.
The nine-page document, published
by the Home Office, also told
migrants they understood "laws and
customs here may be different from
your home country".
Now, Fiona is once again trying to
move on for the sake of her family.
She said: "I am trying to rebuild
my life. I won't stop campaigning
until systems are put in place to
make sure that these dangerous men
are taken off the streets and kept
in custody until they are no longer
a danger.
*"We deserve justice and they
deserve punishment."*

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'Scheme deeply unfair to victims'

DURING the 40-plus years I have been campaigning to end men's violence against women and girls, I have rarely heard a story as harrowing as Fiona's.

Don't get me wrong, all of the cases I have written about are truly terrible – child sexual abuse within the home; rape by a man wielding a weapon; sustained domestic violence; and coercive control stripping the victim of any sense of worth.

I have sat in murder trials, holding back tears on the press bench as details of dreadful sex murders are recounted. But interviewing Fiona has had a huge impact on me. Desperate for love and attention, she was targeted and groomed by wicked men. The fact she survived and went on to advocate for so many other victims of these vile gangs is commendable.

I am sickened at her abuse, but extremely privileged to know Fiona and to campaign alongside her.

It is terrible that she is now reliving this nightmare.

This early release scheme is deeply unfair to victims. We owe Fiona, and all girls put through this type of hell, a commitment to listen and ensure men who ruin lives get locked up for a long time – and serve their full term.

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By ALLEY EINSTEIN and SOPHIA-INES KLEIN

TEARING open the padded envelope that had arrived by special delivery, Paige Osprey removed a glass vial filled with clear fluid.

Having recently run out of money to buy the weight-loss injection treatment Mounjaro, the 32-year-old was turning to different, cheaper – and illegal – supplies bought on the black market.

As a consequence, four months later, she was taken to hospital in agony.

Paige, an office worker from Birmingham, was diagnosed with severe acute pancreatitis, a potentially life-threatening inflammation of the pancreas, in May.

She tells Sun Health: "The wrong mix I used caused my pancreas to turn on itself.

"Doctors said if I'd used more, part of my pancreas could have started dying. I could have ended up with sepsis and organ failure.

"It terrified me. I've never been in so much pain. I could have died."

But astonishingly, Paige's hospital ordeal has not stopped her using the unlicensed jabs.

"Doctors told me I was risking my health but I'm a fat jab prisoner," she says. "I cannot bear the thought of being obese again.

"The black market medication is the only way I can afford to stay slim. I don't want to be fat."

Paige has been buying what she believes to be retatrutide, or "reta" for short.

Retatrutide is not yet legally on sale, it is still being tested by Mounjaro manufacturer Eli Lilly for safety in clinical trials.

But social media pages, wellness clinics and beauticians purport to offer the drug, which could be the wrong dose or dangerous.

Eli Lilly is desperately trying to crack down on its widespread sale, filing six lawsuits against copycat sellers in the US.

Unregulated and experimental

Retatrutide is among a class of drugs called peptides.

Peptides are short-chain amino acids – the building blocks of proteins – which can have a range of effects on the body.

Legal peptides include Mounjaro and Wegovy for weight loss and insulin medicines for diabetes.

Generally, the rest are unregulated and experimental.

There are types touted for a golden tan, muscle growth, banishing wrinkles and more which are exploding in popularity on social media.

Peptides are considered the "new steroids" by gym-going fitness buffs who believe they speed up muscle growth while also burning fat.

Tommo Holbrook, 26, a fitness coach who added peptides to his routine a year ago, told Sun Health: "Every lad my age seems to be taking peptides."

While peptides are stuck in a regulatory mess in the US with the nation's health secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr admitting to using them and vowing to overturn FDA restrictions, in the UK the advice is clear.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency which needs to approve the drugs before they can be sold legally in the UK, has warned unlicensed peptides, including fake fat jabs, are "potentially dangerous to health".

In the meantime, experts are calling for a tougher clampdown.

Dr Ed Robinson, a non-surgical cosmetic expert, says: "The Government must crack down on this growing issue before tragedy strikes and someone dies. Many of these products may be counterfeit, contaminated, wrongly dosed or improperly stored."

Paige started seeing people post about their "retatrutide" journeys on social media and it seemed a miracle fix.

"Young women, mums and even grans were chronicling their retatrutide weight-loss journeys," she says.

Paige had struggled with her weight for years. Aged 18, she was 22st and "bed bound, unable to get a job and slowly dying". Aged 24, she had gastric surgery on the NHS, but regained some of the weight.

Paige was 14st 11lb and a size 18 when she started injecting Mounjaro for £200 a month. Within five months, she had dropped to 9st 4lb, and a size eight.

"But when I stopped using it over Christmas (2025), I rapidly regained weight," says Paige.

Within weeks, she had put on two stone and was a size 16. She says: "My friends were mixing their own peptide mixes and losing weight at an even faster rate.

"I was so desperate, I didn't care if the drug wasn't approved for use."

It took less than five minutes for Paige to buy an illegal jab for just £59, simply by ticking a box to claim she was using it for "research purposes".

Peptides are illegal to sell for medicinal use but they are not covered by the same laws as controlled substances such as cocaine or cannabis, for example.

Currently, there is nothing stopping the sale of peptides under the guise of "research purposes only".

It is this loophole that is allowing them to boom.

Dr Robinson says it is easy to see why so many are turning to peptides, especially if "notable celebrities praise them for promising improved hair, skin, nails and even being the perfect summer tan".

"Social media is definitely also having an impact on this phenomenon," he says.

"People are being drawn in by the promise of quick, visible results but they're often unaware of what they're actually injecting into their bodies."

While the label says "Not suitable for human consumption", it does not deter

"Doctors told me I was risking my health but I'm a fat-jab prisoner. I cannot bear the thought of being obese again. The black market medication is the only way I can afford to stay slim"

DESPERATE TO SLIM . . . Paige weighed 14st 11lb after gastric surgery helped her lose 8st. She began taking Mounjaro to lose more weight but turned to illegal, cheaper, retatrutide (*inset*) to maintain her size 8 figure, *left*. Taking a wrong dose put her in hospital, *top*.

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I can't afford £200 for Mounjaro so I buy illegal fat jabs...and put my life in danger

TRIM . . . Paige, pictured when she started 'reta', won't give up the jabs

Picture by OLIVIA WEST

people like Paige. "I knew 'for research purposes' was code for, 'we know you're using it yourself, but it's illegal for us to sell the vials for human use'," she says.

"It doesn't even come with instructions. I wasn't sure if I was mixing the correct ratio.

"It's a dicey decision but I feel I have no other option if I was to stay a size eight."

'I was doubled over with severe stomach pain'

Paige experienced nausea, hair loss, vomiting, constipation, stomach cramps and, on two occasions, rapid heart rate episodes.

But in May, she increased her DIY dose and got it wrong.

"Within an hour I was uncontrollably vomiting," she says.

"I was doubled over with severe stomach pain, shaking and sweating. I was lucky – my friend came over because we were supposed to be going to the gym and found me on the bathroom floor. She rushed me to A&E."

Paige spent the next 24 hours with an intravenous drip and hooked up to a heart monitor while doctors carried out tests.

"They gave me morphine because the pain was so severe and medication to stop me vomiting.

"Doctors told me I'd narrowly avoided pancreatic necrosis, sepsis and organ failure."

Legal weight loss jabs can also rarely cause pancreatitis as well as gallbladder disease, but the MHRA says the risk is far higher with fake versions and no oversight from a doctor.

Paige's friends are pleading with her to stop using them too, and doctors say she risks another pancreatitis episode.

But she says the thought of regaining weight "paralyses me with fear".

She says: "I know I got the mix wrong. It may seem horrifying but it's the price I have to pay. I can't go back to being fat."

Paige belongs to an online group where people discuss their "reta" experiences and warns: "I'm not the only one risking my life."

Medical advice is clear that people should not take unlicensed drugs bought online. Dr Kathryn Basford, of Asda Online Doctors, says: "When prescribed by a doctor and used as instructed, prescription peptide injections such as Wegovy and Mounjaro are generally considered safe.

"The online market for peptides is flooded with counterfeit and dangerous products.

"When people buy injectable products online, there is no reliable way to verify that the product is safe, and has accurate dosing and labelling.

"That's why it's vital to avoid purchasing peptides online from unverified sources.

"Always consult your doctor if you are interested in using peptides."

'CARDIAC EVENT'. . . Michelle in hospital

'I was so stupid. Don't make the same mistake'

FIRST-TIME fat jab user Michelle Phillips, 32, rolled the dice when she began using what she believed to be retatrutide.

Michelle, from Taunton, Somerset, who weighs 17st and has a BMI of 39, says: "Instead of starting on the lower dose, I wanted to jump-start my fat loss and mixed a larger amount.

"I'd never done this before but had seen my mates using the drug."

In April, five weeks after she began using the meds, Michelle felt unwell two hours after her weekly injection.

She started sweating profusely, her heart rate rocketed and she couldn't catch her breath. "I thought I was having a heart attack," she says.

"I hadn't eaten for three days and when I grabbed some water, the room went blurry and I blacked out. My flatmate splashed my face with cold water and kept screaming at me to wake up."

After two minutes, Michelle regained consciousness and started vomiting so a friend drove her to hospital.

She says: "Doctors told me I'd suffered tachycardia or a cardiac event. The high dose meant my body was fighting to stabilise itself. It was terrifying.

"When I showed the doctors the vial, they were stunned, telling me this was not approved for medical use and potentially could kill me. My heart already has pressure on it from my obesity issues."

Michelle, who can't work due to health issues, is on Universal Credit. She now buys Mounjaro using an online pharmacy prescription.

"I have borrowed some cash from a friend and I'm going without other things to buy the approved medication," she says.

"I can't believe I was so stupid. I'm begging people not to use black-market meds."

HEALTH GAMBLE . . . Michelle now and, *left*, before she started taking black market meds

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NHS Blood and Transplant says the summer has affected stock as there is more demand from hospitals for blood. But fewer people are eligible to donate in hot weather, due to a drop in iron levels, and dehydration.

And then there are holidays and childcare, which can put some people off attending.

Visit my.blood.co.uk/sign-up to book in and donate.

IT HURTS HIM TO WALK

Q MY husband used to be so busy, doing DIY and playing golf, but now he just wants to sit and watch TV because walking is so painful.

We are unsure if the two are connected, but after about a year of rituximab treatment for Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, he developed peripheral neuropathy.

It has really affected his life because it is painful to walk.

He coped really well with the treatment for his lymphoma and it helped tremendously. But we are at a loss when it comes to easing the pain when he walks.

He wears pressure socks and has tried insoles, but nothing seems to make a difference.

When he has no weight on his feet, they are fine.

I read your page regularly so wondered if you could help.

A I'm sorry your husband is going through this, though it's wonderful that the rituximab has helped his lymphoma.

Foot pain feels life-changing, because it can take away independence, hobbies and confidence very quickly.

Peripheral neuropathy means irritation or damage to nerves outside the brain and spinal cord.

Some cancer treatments can cause neuropathy – and although rituximab is not strongly associated, that doesn't mean it is impossible.

The fact his feet are fine with no weight on them is important.

Pain mainly on standing or walking can also come from mechanical foot problems such as plantar fasciitis, arthritis, tendon issues, metatarsalgia, thinning of the natural fat pads or poor circulation.

He should tell his haematology or oncology team because new nerve-type symptoms during lymphoma treatment deserve review.

Sometimes lymphoma itself, immune changes, diabetes, vitamin B12 deficiency, thyroid problems, alcohol, kidney function or other medication can contribute.

I would ask for an assessment of his feet, pulse, gait, sensation and footwear.

A podiatrist or physiotherapist may also be able to help, especially if the pain is mechanical rather than nerve-based.

Possible blood tests include B12, folate, thyroid, diabetes check, kidney function and inflammatory markers.

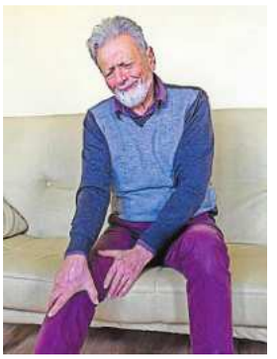
If neuropathy is confirmed, there are medicines aimed at nerve pain, but they work best when the diagnosis is clear.

Seek urgent advice if he develops rapidly worsening weakness, loss of bladder or bowel control, spreading numbness, foot ulcers, or a cold, pale or blue foot.

Q I AM a 69-year-old man and a few years ago suffered thigh cramps so severe they would bring me to tears. They sometimes took 20 minutes to go.

My GP switched my statin to pravastatin – I also take candesartan and amlodipine – and the cramps went. But recently, after lots of walking for work, they've returned and the after-effects can last days. My thighs can feel bruised, heavy and uncomfortable.

Could this be due to my medication or age?



A I'm sorry you're experiencing this. Severe cramps can be incredibly painful.

It may be related to overuse, especially as it has flared up after lots of walking.

A strong cramp can leave the muscle sore for a few days, almost like a strain. But because this has been severe enough to bring you to tears, and affects your walking after, it deserves review.

Medication is one possibility. Statins can cause muscle aches, cramps or weakness.

The fact that your symptoms improved after changing to pravastatin is relevant, but it does not prove the statin is definitely the cause. Don't stop taking it without medical advice, but ask your GP if a medication review and blood tests are needed, such as for kidney and liver function, thyroid function, calcium, magnesium, potassium, vitamin D and a CK blood test, which can show muscle irritation or injury.

Other causes to consider include dehydration, salt loss after sweating, circulation problems, nerve irritation from the back or muscle fatigue from doing more than usual.

Pain brought on by walking and relieved by rest can sometimes suggest reduced blood flow to the legs, so your GP may want to check the pulses in your feet.

In the meantime, build activity up gradually and stretch out the calves and thighs gently.

Consider if you are hydrating well and getting enough salt, especially on very active or hot days.

When cramp hits, gently lengthening the affected muscle may help, but don't force it.

Seek urgent help if you develop severe swelling, redness, weakness, dark urine, chest pain, breathlessness or one leg becomes much more painful or swollen than the other.

Where has dizziness come from?

Q FOR over 20 years, I've been on daily doses of amlodipine and simvastatin. But for a few weeks, I have been feeling quite dizzy and unsteady on my feet.

A recent CT scan came back normal, as did my blood pressure. I had a stay in hospital 16 years ago with a severe attack of labyrinthitis. Could this be related? I am an 82-year-old woman.

A I'm sorry you feel like this. Dizziness and unsteadiness can be very unsettling.

Your normal CT scan and blood pressure are reassuring, but they do not rule out every cause of dizziness.

A CT scan can exclude some serious problems, but many causes of dizziness come from the inner ear, medication effects, heart-rhythm changes, balance systems, vision, dehydration anaemia or nerve changes in the feet and legs.

Your history of labyrinthitis is relevant. A severe inner-ear infection can leave people more prone to episodes of vertigo, imbalance or feeling "strange-headed".

Another common inner-ear cause is BPPV, where tiny crystals in the balance organ move into the wrong place, causing dizziness with movement. This can often be treated with repositioning manoeuvres.

Amlodipine can sometimes contribute to light-headedness or ankle swelling, and blood pressure can drop on standing even if a seated reading looks normal. Simvastatin is less likely to cause dizziness directly, but any medication should be reviewed when new symptoms appear.

I would ask your GP to check your lying and standing blood pressure, pulse, ears, eye movements, gait and balance. Blood tests for anaemia, thyroid, kidney function, salts, glucose and B12 may also be useful.

Fall-prevention matters, too. Use supportive shoes, avoid rushing and consider a walking aid temporarily if needed.

Seek urgent help if you develop new weakness, facial drooping, slurred speech, chest pain, fainting, severe headache, new hearing loss or sudden worsening.

TIP of the WEEK

TAI CHI can help with several conditions that plague many people, including arthritis, back or neck pain, fibromyalgia and osteopenia, research shows.

This traditional Chinese exercise is great to practise in mid-life and beyond – go online to find a group class near you.

STAY SAFE WITH FLU JAB

MILLIONS of pregnant women and children can have their flu jab from today in the first phase of the NHS programme in England.

School-aged kids will get it in the form of a nasal spray at school, while parents of two and three-year-olds will be invited through their GP.

Mums-to-be can get their flu jab at any stage of pregnancy and should speak to their maternity team, GP practice or participating pharmacy.

Most adults get the vaccine in injectable form. Other eligible groups – including people aged 65 and over, care home residents, carers and adults with long-term conditions – will start getting jabs from October 1, after the booking system opened in August.

Vaccines will be given in a range of locations, including pharmacies and mobile vans.

Thousands of children end up in hospital with the flu each winter, while pregnant women also face a higher risk of becoming seriously ill.

According to NHSE, almost 19 million people had their flu jabs last winter, which helped prevent some 104,000 hospital admissions.

Dr Amanda Doyle, of NHS England, said: "Getting vaccinated only takes a few minutes, but it can make a real difference – helping protect you and the people around you from getting seriously unwell.

"So if you're pregnant, speak to your maternity team, GP or community pharmacy about getting protected — and if your child is eligible, please take up the offer when it comes."

AT RISK . . . mum-to-be gets jab

KEEP FIT TO LOWER RISK

REGULAR exercise can slash the risk of developing bowel cancer, research suggests but a third of us are not aware of this.

Regular exercise has long been lauded as a crucial way to help stave off cancer and lower the chances of it spreading.

Previous research suggests exercise can trigger the release of chemicals that help the immune system hunt and destroy cancer cells, and lower inflammatory proteins that fuel tumour growth.

With bowel cancer, the risk is believed to be lowered by 20 per cent by being active. But a poll of 2,155 adults in the UK found that 32 per cent did not know this.

The NHS guidelines recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise such as brisk walking, cycling or water aerobics every week, which is 21 minutes a day. Or, 75 minutes of vigorous exercise a week, such as running, swimming or sports.

According to the survey, which was conducted by YouGov on behalf of Bowel Cancer UK, just six in 10 adults are reaching this target.

The charity launches its Walk 60 Miles in October challenge, encouraging people to get active every day next month.

Amanda Delew, Interim Director of Fundraising, said: "Bowel cancer is the UK's fourth most common cancer and its second biggest cancer killer."

More than half of the 48,200 cases per year are preventable. Eating more fibre, cutting down on red and processed meat and limiting alcohol intake also help decrease risk of bowel cancer.

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Girlfriend's sis is offering me sex

Dear Deidre

MY girlfriend's older sister keeps texting me, offering me no-strings sex. It's all such a mess and I really never wanted to get into a situation like this.

I'm a man of 25 and my girlfriend is a couple of years younger.

We met through some mutual friends. She came along as a mate of a work colleague when we had some drinks one evening.

We ended up standing next to one another as the pub got busier and we were very physically close.

We had a laugh, so I invited her on a date the next evening, promising it would be quieter. That went really well too, so we started seeing one another regularly.

She still lives with her mum and her 25-year-old sister. She's lovely, single and runs a yoga studio.

One evening, I went to see my girlfriend but she was stuck in traffic and her mum was out.

Her sister invited me in and offered me a glass of wine. One turned into two and my girlfriend still wasn't home.

Her sister started showing me photos on her phone and, when I turned towards her to make a comment, she kissed me on the lips.

I was taken aback but hugely turned on. We started kissing passionately. She put her hand down the front of my trousers and I'm sure we'd have had sex if my girlfriend hadn't arrived home at that point.

We heard a key in the door and her sister whispered, "let's catch up soon" then disappeared upstairs while I frantically sorted myself out.

My girlfriend was so stressed about how late she was, she didn't notice a thing when she came into the lounge.

Now, I'm getting texts from her sister, suggesting we "finish what we started". Help!

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Although she seduced you, be the mature person here and tell her that you made a big mistake.

Explain that you only have feelings for her sister and she'd be better off with her own partner.

That way, she's not risking damaging her relationship with her sibling (what older sister makes a play for her younger sister's boyfriend anyway?).

Insist that you'll never be more than friends. From then on, ignore her texts and block her if she persists. That should end the harassment.

I'm sure she wouldn't want her sister and mum to find out about her betrayal.

To give yourself some breathing room, make sure you avoid being left alone with her from now on.

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WE HAVE LOST THE PASSION

Dear Deidre

I'VE gone off sex because it takes so long for my partner to get aroused. I fear that I'm the problem.

He's 42 and I'm 35. We have been living together for a year and recently our sex life has fallen off a cliff.

We used to be at it three or four times a week. Now, we're lucky if it's once a month.

I love the bones of him but sex is such a huge effort now.

It takes me ages to get him aroused and the whole time I'm worried he's thinking about somebody else.

He's told me that he thinks I don't fancy him any more, especially if I turn him down for sex when I'm tired but that's not the case at all.

When we finally are able to have sex, it's great.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Stress, depression and looking at pornography can sap the libido. Perhaps he has been concerned about your finances since you moved in together.

When you have a dry spell, it takes a concerted effort to bring things back to where they were, so it's time for a heart-to-heart.

Explain that you're missing intimacy and you want things to be as good as they were before.

My support pack, Sex Play Therapy, will show you some exercises that sex therapists use.

These entail building up sexual feelings through touch, but resisting having intercourse for a few weeks. This should help you both.

You can also read my support pack, Solving Erection Problems.

I FEAR FOR LITTLE BOY NEXT DOOR

Dear Deidre

I DON'T know who to call about a little boy who is looked after by the childminder next door.

All I hear is him screaming and crying while she ignores him.

My neighbour is a difficult person to deal with. She's 34 and a single mum herself. I'm 40 and married with two kids of my own.

I try to keep on the right side of her. When she knows I'm going shopping and gives me a list, I don't mind picking up a few bits for her.

When I bring her groceries, I can see she has a few toys out, but he doesn't seem stimulated. He's got learning difficulties and, from what I've witnessed, she watches TV or scrolls on her phone while the child tries to get her attention.

I've seen her fuss around him when his parents arrive. I don't think he's being abused but, if I was his mum, I'd be upset. Who can I talk to?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Can you "bump into" his parents one evening and casually mention you hear their son crying quite a lot?

Explain that you'd prefer not to be mentioned, but it might be good if they were to make an unexpected visit to assess the situation.

If you know of local toddler groups, perhaps you could suggest she joins one or two to get this little boy playing with others.

Find emotional support and understanding through nspcc.org.uk (0808 800 5000).

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hot topic

WHAT once felt like a meaningful tattoo can become something you wish you could erase.

Perhaps your taste has changed, a relationship has ended or you feel like the design simply doesn't represent you anymore.

Whatever the reason, tattoo regret can knock your confidence and leave you wondering whether you're stuck with it for life.

My support pack, Tattoo You Hate?, can help.

HE TOOK OFF HIS WEDDING RING

Dear Deidre

I WAS devastated to find my husband's wedding ring in his jeans pocket when I loaded the washing machine.

I feel worthless. He's always eyeing up women who are stick thin and wear next to nothing. I'm 33 and have just had our second baby.

I'm overweight and a mess and now I think my husband may be cheating on me.

He went out with his mates last weekend and later, I was putting a wash on and went through any pockets, as I always do.

I sat with the ring in my hand for ages, staring at it and wondering if I should pack my bags and take the kids to Mum's. Instead, I waited for him to come in from work. I was cool with him and he could tell something was up. I put the children to bed, then poured myself a large glass of wine and put the ring on the table. He saw it and started getting flustered, telling me he took it off before he went into the pool for our four-year-old son's swimming lesson and he couldn't get it back on.

He's never had a problem with it before. I don't believe him. I think he went out with his mates, hoping he'd get with somebody.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: You don't have proof that he has cheated and, while he might have taken it off to hide he was married, he may have got flustered because of how that would look.

There is also a possibility he is telling the truth.

While you have no conclusive evidence, you can tell him you're not feeling good about yourself and that you feel undermined when he ogles other women.

Ask him to stop this unpleasant habit, and to do more around the house and with the children so you have time to rest and look after yourself.

My support pack, called Raising Self-esteem, will help.

It would also be worth considering whether you could be suffering from post-natal depression.

The pandasfoundation.org.uk (0808 1961 776) can help you with this.

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TV GUIDE

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live With Gethin Jones and Helen Skelton. (S)
10.45 Rip Off Britain: Scams Consumer investigations. (S)
11.30 Homes Under The Hammer With properties in Lancashire, Cheshire and Co Durham. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Roo Irvine presents from the Shropshire town of Oswestry, where two teams shop for antiques. (R,S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing Jacqui sells seashells on the recycling show, and Sarah Peterson is inspired by the Manhattan skyline. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Briony May Williams helps find a home in Cumbria within a £300,000 budget. (R,S)
3.45 Garden Rescue Flo Headlam and Lee Burkhill each design a Majorca-inspired garden. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz show hosted by Jason Manford. (R,S)
5.15 Pointless Quiz hosted by Alexander Armstrong and guest co-host Susan Wokoma. (S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

9pm Coronation Street's Sue Cleaver takes part in Celebrity MasterChef

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Lauren Laverne present another mix of nationwide reports and live studio-based chat. (S)
7.30 EastEnders The Hawkins make their presence known in Albert Square, and Ravi pushes Priya for information about what happened while he was away. (S)
8.00 The Great British Sewing Bee (8/10) Sophie Willan presents a week dedicated to literary icons, beginning with the sewers tackling a pattern for arguably the most famous hat in all of literature – Sherlock Holmes' deerstalker. They also transform second-hand school uniforms for a grown-up Matilda and channel their inner Jane Austen. (S)
9.00 Celebrity MasterChef (7/15) Coronation Street actress Sue Cleaver, Radio 1 DJ Melvin Odoom, former Saturdays singer Una Healy, Paralympic gold medallist Lauren Steadman and comedian Max Fosh enter the kitchen, and must create a signature dish. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 Creed
FILM The son of a boxer turns to former champion Rocky Balboa for help following in his father's footsteps. Boxing drama starring Michael B Jordan, Sylvester Stallone and Tessa Thompson. (2015) ✪✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
12.50-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.30 am Bargain Hunt (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: The Great British Sewing Bee (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
12.15 Politics Live (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Weatherman Walking (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III A newborn giraffe takes its tentative first steps and must learn quickly as a lioness is on the prowl. The hippos try to evict the crocodiles from the riverbank. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow From Boston, Lincolnshire. First shown in 2003. (R,S)
5.10 Flog It! The public bring more items to be assessed, this time at Lydiard Park, Wiltshire. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With Ken Bruce, Alice Roberts, Perri Shakes-Drayton and Kiell Smith-Bynoe. (R,S)
6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo's rail exploration continues from Tonbridge. (R,S)

9pm The Resus team are called to an urgent briefing in Emergency 24/7

7.00 Nigellissima (5/6) Nigella Lawson prepares recipes including a yoghurt pot cake, a sausage meatball supper, squid and prawns with marjoram and chilli, and 'tiramisini' – a lighter version of a traditional tiramisu. (R,S)
7.30 Race Against The Tide (3/6) Iain Stirling challenges the remaining teams to sculpt ocean-themed sand art, with the duos having six hours until the tide comes in. (S)
8.00 Saving Lives At Sea (3/10) The Newbiggin crew race to the rescue of three children who have been swept out to sea on a small inflatable dinghy. (S)
9.00 Emergency 24/7 (3/6) A pensioner arrives with life-threatening burns after his shed explodes, and a young father with a brain clot needs an urgent specialist procedure. (S)
10.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing (6/6) Paul and Bob venture to the west of Ireland to fish the mighty Lough Corrib, regarded as one of the best places in the country to try trout fishing. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight Analysis with Victoria Derbyshire. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 The Godfather Part III
FILM Crime drama sequel starring Al Pacino, Andy Garcia and Diane Keaton. (1990) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
1.30 Sign Zone: Captive Audience: A Real American Horror Story (R,S,SL) **2.20-3.20am** Celebrity MasterChef (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain (S)
10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity interviews, entertainment news, current affairs discussions, and more. Including Weather. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team descend on Crewe Hall, where Fay Rutter cannot say no to a watercolour, Matt Taylor shows his love for boys' toys, and James Layte faces twins as he goes after gold. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal Stephen Mulhern hosts as a contestant tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order, taking on the infamous Banker for the chance to win a life-changing cash prize. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

8.30pm Gemma tries to remain strong for Bernie in Coronation Street

7.30 Millionaire Hot Seat Jeremy Clarkson hosts the quiz where each episode sees six hopefuls compete for £1 million – however, only one player can take their place in the Hot Seat at a time and answer multiple-choice questions to work their way up the Money Ladder. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale DS Ramsden is relishing her job, while a flashback reveals more. Nicola has a breakthrough. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Gemma tries to stay strong, Todd carries out Celeste's final wishes, Ronnie identifies a way to pay his debt to Fiona, and Jodie receives her punishment for assaulting Sarah. (S)
9.00 The Sugar Daddy Murder: True Crime Presents A look at the murder of Peter McMahon in 2012, whose ex-partner Sharon Swinhoe and her accomplice Joseph Collins were sentenced to life for his financially motivated killing. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Man Of Steel
FILM An alien living in secret on Earth uses his extraordinary powers to defend the human race from a genocidal invasion. Adventure based on the Superman comic-books starring Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Michael Shannon and Russell Crowe. (2013) ✪✪✪ (S)
1.00 Shop On TV 3.00 The Staircase (S) **4.10** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.10-6am** Prue Leith's Cotswold Kitchen (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Triple bill of the comedy. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon O'Brien and Henry Cole visit a garden strewn with interesting items. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Renovating a decrepit family home in Garforth, Leeds. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown With Zoe Lyons in Dictionary Corner. (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge It's the second day of finals week and as one couple host a trip to a bee farm, the second pair move into the prize B&B, hosting an evening meal and breakfast for the VIPs. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY At Chateau de Lalande, Stephanie is short on time to build her gazebo. (R,S)
6.00 A New Life In The Sun: Where Are They Now? Tea shop owners Lesley-Ann and Paul try something new. (S)

9pm A real-life murder trial is restaged in The Jury: 14 And On Trial For Murder

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 The Dog House (1/6) The Bodley family face double trouble as they meet cockapoo twins, and Floyd the lurcher arrives. (R,S)
9.00 The Jury: 14 And On Trial For Murder
NEW (1/4) A dramatic restaging of a real-life murder trial, in which two brothers, one aged 14, are charged with killing their stepfather. The boys admit to stabbing the victim while he was asleep – but was it an act of revenge or desperation? (S)
10.00 9/11: 102 Minutes That Changed America Amateur footage and audiotape recorded by people around New York, giving an insight into their experiences of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in 2001. The duration of the tragedy, from the first plane hitting the north tower to the collapse of both buildings, was 102 minutes. During that time, many of the city's residents sought to preserve images of what was taking place. Joined together into a single, seamless historical record, the end result is an intensely personal perspective on the events as they unfolded. (R,S)
12.30 The Never Ending Murder (R,S,SL) **4.05** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S,SL) **5.00** A Place In The Sun (R,S) **5.30** Sunday Brunch (R,S) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.10 Entertainment News On 5 Showbiz news and gossip. (S)
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate, presented by Storm Huntley and Alexis Conran. (S)
12.30 Snooker: British Open 2026
LIVE The afternoon session on day two, held at The Centaur in Cheltenham, featuring second-round matches. Stan Moody claimed a shock 4-2 victory over 2024 world champion Kyren Wilson at this stage last year, John Higgins edged past Jack Lisowski 4-3, and Mark Williams also went to a deciding frame before prevailing against Sanderson Lam. Presented by Katie Shanahan, with analysis from Stephen Hendry, Ken Doherty, and Joe Perry. (S)
5.30 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.25 Car Pound Cops In Sheffield, the community enforcement officers are cracking down on Blue Badge fraud. Angie and Safdar identify drivers who are exploiting the scheme. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

9pm Huw's efforts to leave the past behind unravel as crime thriller The Game returns

7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Rebecca Charlton presents highlights of stage 10 of the Grand Tour race, a 195.5km route from Alfaro towards an uphill finish at the ski resort of Valdezcaray. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders While on patrol in Stoke-on-Trent, PC Chris Bagnall hunts down a stolen black BMW on cloned plates that has been linked to a recent burglary. (S)
9.00 The Game
NEW (1/4) A year on from the attack, Huw Miller's daughter receives letters from imprisoned serial killer Patrick. Return of the thriller starring Jason Watkins. Continues tomorrow. (S)
10.00 9/11: The Unseen Footage The story of the September 11 terrorist attacks of 2001, told through footage discovered in the archives of the international news agency Reuters almost 25 years later. (R,S)
11.30 The Day Diana Died Examining the day after the Princess of Wales' death. (R,S)
1.05 Car Pound Cops (R,S) **1.30** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.30** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **3.20** The Highland Vet (R,S,SL) **4.15** Yorkshire With Jane McDonald (R,S,SL) **5.00** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.15** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom (R,S,SL) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.50-6am** Mixmups (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Heno **12.55** Bwrdd I Dri **1.25** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Gwesty Aduniad **4.00** Awr Fawr: Byd Carlo Bach **4.10** Mojo Swoptops **4.20** Fferm Fach **4.35** Twm Twrch **4.50** Annibendod **5.00** Stwnsh: Criw'r Cwt **5.15** Grisi A'r Lemingod **5.25** Y Tri Mysgedwr **5.40** Un Cwestiwn **6.00** Y Sîn **6.30** Codi Hwyl **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Nol O'r Dibyn Gyda Iolo Williams **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Siwrna Scandi Chris **10.00** Iaith Ar Daith **11.00-12.05am** Y Cosmos
BBC ONE NORTH WEST: **1.35-1.45pm** North West Today; Weather

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SNOWBIZ . . . pair at Arctic

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Crime scene is Cordoned off

JAMES JOINS THRILLER DEPARTMENT Q

GAVIN & Stacey funnyman JAMES CORDEN has landed his first serious acting role, in a huge British Netflix drama.

I can reveal the star, *right*, will play an eccentric but brilliant forensic psychologist called Dr Ben Smith in the new series of crime thriller Department Q.

He starts filming his scenes this week.

James will appear opposite leading man **MATTHEW GOODE**, who plays central character Detective Chief Inspector Carl Morck in the Edinburgh-based show.

A TV insider said: "Everyone tends to associate James with comedy roles, which is completely understandable given he is best known for Gavin & Stacey.

"But this will show a different side to James by placing him in a drama which, although it has a streak of sardonic humour running throughout, is ultimately all about grisly murders and kidnappings.

"It also sees him take on his first series with Netflix, which is something of a coup as they remain the dominant streamer with a reputation for delivering quality dramas."

Based on the novels by Danish writer Jussi Adler-Olsen, Department Q was a breakthrough hit for the streaming service last year. It received rave reviews and enjoyed great viewing figures when it dropped in May 2025.

Not surprisingly, series two was commissioned within months.

Previously, James's roles have tended to be comedy-based, including appearances on Doctor Who and Fat Friends, which were both years ago.

More recently, he has worked on streaming projects including 2022 series Mammals, on Prime Video, as well as upcoming Apple TV+ comedy The Choir with Gavin & Stacey co-star and co-creator **RUTH JONES**.

There was also talk that Netflix might swoop in and buy up the farewell festive special of Gavin & Stacey.

But it ended up staying with the BBC and aired there on Christmas Day 2024.

It looks like Netflix kept hold of James's number though . . .

LIFE NOT A JOY COL?

Pictures: CLICK NEWS

COLIN FIRTH seems to be carrying some emotional baggage as he plays a husband embroiled in a love triangle.

The actor stars as academic Dr Alex Comfort, author of Seventies bonking bible The Joy Of Sex, in his new drama of the same name. He appears opposite **LAURA LINNEY** as his wife Ruth and **JULIANNE MOORE** as his mistress Jane Henderson.

But it's not as sexy as it sounds, with our pics appearing to show Ruth, *inset*, hurling her hubby's belongings from a window as he scuttles off with suitcases in hand.

The true story of the sex manual's development shows how Comfort's unusual approach to love-making was mirrored in his private life.

Can such a tangled relationship ever have a happy ending?

STUNTS ON VIGIL A BLAST

SURANNE JONES and ROSE LESLIE said they loved feeling like movie stars, with their high-octane stunts, while filming Vigil's third series.

With a dead body, bomb blast and hostage situation, the BBC thriller, starring the pair as a detective couple, came back with a bang on Sunday.

"This is kick-ass," said Suranne with a smile.

But the Doctor Foster star added that she wasn't allowed to do one stunt – being dropped from a helicopter. "Insurance said I couldn't. So I was like, 'What? I took it on for this'."

Rose enjoyed a more action-packed series this time, having been pregnant with each of her two children while filming the first and second seasons.

This series takes place in the Arctic and the cast and characters had to carry rifles to protect themselves from bears. "We saw a fresh bear footprint in the snow and it was the size of a dinner plate," said Rose.

Having to carry heavy rifles "killed our backs", added Suranne, but it was a small price to pay compared with series one's location.

"I'm thrilled there are no submarines!" she said.

DAVINA'S REALITY NO-GO

DAVINA McCALL has confirmed she gets asked every year to compete in Strictly Come Dancing and I'm A Celebrity . . . Get Me Out Of Here!

And each time The Masked Singer and Long Lost Family host gives the BBC and ITV a polite, but firm: "No, thanks."

Discussing her TV career as she received the Outstanding Contribution award at the Edinburgh TV Festival last week, she explained her reasons.

GONG . . McCall

Davina said: "Why haven't I done the jungle? Because you're laying yourself completely bare and I like to keep a bit of me for my family and for my husband Michael [Douglas]."

As for Strictly, the explanation is much less spiritual.

"It's because it's on in the run-up to Christmas," she said. "And I just love Christmas too much."

You gotta love Davina.

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JACOB IS ALL IN ON PLOT

CORRIE 1

CORONATION Street's JACOB ROBERTS says he did a lot of research before filming his harrowing male breast cancer storyline.

His character Kit gets the shock news that he has the deadly BRCA gene and a stage three tumour.

As well as working closely with charities, Jacob spoke to co-star SALLY DYNEVOR.

She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2009, at the same time that her TV character, Sally Metcalfe, was battling the disease. She put Jacob in touch with a cancer charity.

SHOCK . . . Kit

"I found a group chat with a load of guys and I found that really helpful because it's just blokes talking," Jacob says. "It was such a nice way of getting an insight into how people felt at certain points.

"The more you speak to the guys, the more it feels like I want to do them justice."

As he undergoes treatment, Kit will lose weight and his hair.

"I've never wanted to shave my head, but I'm not going to do this part justice if I don't," Jacob added.

CHRIS IN STREET SUPPER

CORRIE 2

AFTER treading the boards in some of the country's biggest shows, CHRIS EDGERLEY has returned to telly with a role on Coronation Street.

The actor, who was in The Bodyguard: The Musical, alongside ALEXANDRA BURKE, made his debut in the ITV soap last night.

In a scene that also featured Ronnie Bailey (VINTA MORGAN), Todd Grimshaw (GARETH PIERCE) tried to pull Chris's character as he had dinner. Chris said: "It's always been a goal to be on Corrie, so to make my debut on the cobbles has been a dream come true.

DEBUT . . Chris

"Everyone on set was so welcoming, it felt like home. I'd love for this episode to lead to a regular role."

Chris got his big break presenting kids' TV show Hi-5 on ITV from 2008 to 2011.

This winter he will swap the cobbles for the Yellow Brick Road, as he stars alongside JAKE QUICKENDEN in The Wizard Of Oz in Colchester, playing the Tin Man.

Tuesday

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Scamanda. Four episodes of the four-part docuseries about mother and blogger Amanda Riley. **11.45pm-2.20am** Daddy Issues

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm The Architecture The Railways Built **7.40** The Flying Gardener **8.00** To The Manor Born **8.30** Keeping Up Appearances **9.00** How The Celts Saved Britain **10.00** Britain In Focus: A Photographic History **11.00** I Am Martin Parr **12.05** The Brits Who Designed The Modern World **1.05** The Flying Gardener **1.20-2.20am** Britain In Focus: A Photographic History

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dinner Date **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.15** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.10** Dawson's Creek **11.05** Charmed **12.05** Deal Or No Deal **1.05** Supermarket Sweep **2.05** Wheel Of Fortune **3.05** The Only Way Is Essex **4.05** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00** Olivia Attwood: The Price Of Perfection **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Plebs **1.55-2.20am** Deep Fake Neighbour Wars

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.40** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Lewis **11.50pm-2am** Poirot

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Minder **9.10** Boon **10.15** Robin Of Sherwood **11.20** The Professionals **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** American Pickers **3.40** Boon **4.45** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion 2026 Highlights **8.00** World Rally Championship Highlights **9.00** River Monsters **9.30 FILM** Universal Soldier. Sci-fi thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dolph Lundgren and Ally Walker. (1992) **11.35** Black Sails **12.40** BattleBots **1.30-2.30am** American Pickers

E4 freeview 13

6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **8.00** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00** Below Deck Down Under. Marina resolves to be less guarded. **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10-2.10am** Below Deck Down Under

MORE4 freeview 18

8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.55** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** PopMaster TV. Ken Bruce hosts as five more music fans battle it out in the fifth heat of the quiz. **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **9.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Wynonna Earp **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

GREAT CAST . . . De Niro, Scott and Monaghan feature in the drama

THE WHISPER MAN

Netflix

SOMETIMES dramas trundle along quite nicely and then, right at the final hurdle, stumble and fall spectacularly.

Netflix's latest attempt at a serial killer thriller is a classic case, concluding with an inexplicably vile act which makes you wonder what was the point in watching it.

Nobody wants a drama that is a binary snapshot of good versus evil because we're a bit past that. But in this film even the good guys can feel as heartless as the baddies.

So, with no one to empathise with, it's hard to get invested.

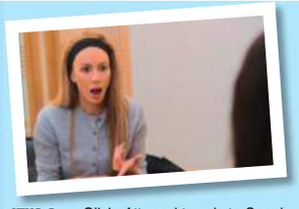
It's a pity, because it certainly boasts some big names, including being produced by the Russo brothers who do all the Marvel films *(plus it runs to less than two hours so isn't the usual ten-hour test of sanity the streamers love)*.

The premise of the drama adapted from the novel by British author Alex North is more than decent.

A serial killer who's stealing and strangling young boys is a copycat of a fiend, nicknamed The Whisper Man, who, 15 years earlier, was doing the same. This stalking monster, believed to have an accomplice, was caught by Robert De Niro's character, a now long-retired detective called Peter Willis.

He's asked to rejoin the fight by Amanda Beck, played by Michelle Monaghan, the detective investigating the copycat killings.

And Willis only agrees when his grandson, Jake Kennedy, becomes one of the kids taken by the abductor, who gets his name because he tempts



ITV2 9pm Olivia Attwood travels to Seoul, South Korea in The Price Of Perfection

U&DAVE freeview 19

7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's Road To Mexico **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Speed With Guy Martin **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Road To Mexico **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas **8.20** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40** Would I Lie To You? At Christmas **1.20-2am** Would I Lie To You?

U&DRAMA freeview 20

7.25am The Bill **8.25** Doctors **9.40** Classic Holby City **11.00** Casualty **12.00** The Bill **1.00** Classic EastEnders **2.15** Classic Neighbours **3.20** Whitstable Pearl **4.20** Kingdom **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! **9.55** New Tricks **10.55** Copper **11.55** Lovejoy **12.55** Sister Boniface Mysteries **1.55-2.55am** At Home With The Braithwaites

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6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11pm-2am** Celebrity Help! My House Is Haunted

U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

6.10am The Architecture The Railways Built **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Rise Of The Nazis **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Rise Of The Nazis **5.00** The World At War. The longest retreat in British military history. **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Seven Worlds, One Planet **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **9.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

U&W freeview 25

6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **9.00** Rose West & Myra Hindley: Their Untold Story With Trevor McDonald **10.00** Serial Killer With Piers Morgan **12.00** Missing Persons Investigation **1.10** My Family **1.40-3am** Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon

QUEST freeview 17

6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Ant Anstead: Born Mechanic **9.00** Johnny Vegas' Little Shop Of Antiques **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am Rising Damp **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.05** You Rang, M'Lord? **10.10** Bread **10.50** Steptoe And Son **11.25** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.00** Rising Damp **12.30** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.45** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.10** Rising Damp **6.40** Steptoe And Son **7.20** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **11.55** Benidorm **12.55** Minder **1.55-2.30am** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

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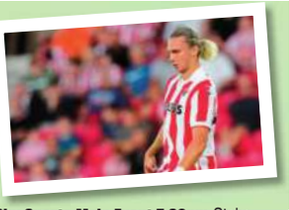

Sky Sports Main Event 7.30pm Stoke City v Norwich City in the EFL

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Deadline Day **3.30** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. **7.30** LIVE EFL. Stoke City v Norwich City. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage of the Championship match at Bet365 Stadium. **10.00** Deadline Day **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **2.30-5.30am** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am Ref Watch **6.30** MNF Hlts **7.00** Deadline Day **7.30** Gillette Labs Soccer Special **10.00** Deadline Day **12.00-1am** PL Review

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am Retro League One **8.00** EFL Rivalries **9.00** SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Final 17 **11.00** SPFL: Old Firm Derby Best Goals **11.30** EFL Greatest Games **12.00** SPFL Round-Up **12.15** SPFL Highlights **12.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **1.30** EFL League One Goals **2.00** EFL League Two Goals **2.30** EFL Highlights **3.00** SPFL Round-Up **3.15** SPFL Highlights **3.30** EFL Highlights **5.00** Bundesliga Highlights Show **6.00** EFL League One Goals **6.30** EFL League Two Goals **7.00** EFL Highlights **7.30** LIVE EFL. Stoke City v Norwich City. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.30** Deadline Day **12.00** SPFL Round-Up **12.15** SPFL Highlights **12.30** EFL Cup Highlights **1.30-1.45am** SPFL Round-Up

SKY SPORTS NFL

6am NFL Super Bowl LI Highlights **8.00** Super Bowl LV Highlights **10.00** NFL: America's Game **11.00** NFL Highlights **12.00** The Proving Ground **12.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** The Proving Ground **3.30** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL: America's Game **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** The Proving Ground **8.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights **9.00** NFL Highlights **10.00** NFL Fantasy **11.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights **11.15** NFL Highlights **11.30** The Proving Ground **12.00-1am** The Insiders

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Deadline Day **8.00** World Matchplay Darts **12.00** Deadline Day **3.30** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. **7.35** LIVE EFL. West Ham United v Wolverhampton Wanderers. Kick-off at 7.45. **9.45** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the Grand Slam. **2.30-5.30am** LIVE US Open Tennis

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am Test Cricket **12.00** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **12.30** LIVE Women's International One-Day Cricket. England v Ireland. Coverage of the first ODI in the series from Uptonsteel County Ground. **8.30** Best Of ICC WT20 **9.00** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **9.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **10.00** Test Cricket **11.00** Women's International One-Day Cricket **12.00** One-Day International Cricket **1.00-2am** Test Cricket

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am Golf Academy **7.00** Playing Lessons **7.30** Playing Lessons **8.00** Nick Dougherty's Tee Time Tips **9.00** School Of Golf **10.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **11.00** Best Of The Open Zone 2016 **12.00** Best Of The Open Zone 2017 **1.00** Best Of The Open Zone 2018 **2.00** Women's Golf **3.00** The Improvers **4.00** School Of Golf **5.00** Chronicles Of A Champion Golfer **6.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **7.00** PGA Tour Golf **8.00** Margins: Beyond The Walker Cup **8.30** DP World Tour Golf **9.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **10.00** Presidents Cup Selection Show **11.00** PGA Tour Champions **12.00-1am** Legends Tour Golf

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Atlantic 9pm An unexpected tragedy prompts a realisation for Esther in Little Bird

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** La Brea **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Superstore. Double bill. Pilot episode of the US sitcom with America Ferrera and Ben Feldman. New Cloud 9 superstore employee Jonah makes a terrible first impression. Then, Garrett tries to avoid being photographed. **7.00** Live Deadline Day **7.30** Live Gillette Labs Soccer Special. Reports on the evening's football up and down the country as updates arrive from around the grounds. **10.00** Live Deadline Day **12.00** The 'Burbs **1.00-2am** Grimm

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **8.00** Billions **10.15** The Last Of Us **12.45** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.45** Billions **4.55** The White Lotus **6.25** The Last Of Us. Double bill. A survivalist forges an unlikely connection. Nick Offerman and Murray Bartlett star. Then, Joel and Ellie draw the attention of a vindictive rebel leader. **9.00** Little Bird. Double bill. When tragedy strikes unexpectedly, Esther realises that she needs her mother Golda more than anyone else. Then, the Bird family reunites to mourn a loss and celebrate life, while Esther's journey of self-discovery strengthens her bond with Golda. Last in the series. **11.00** Das Boot. Simone pieces together the previous night's events in La Rochelle. **12.10-2.05am** The Five-Star Weekend. Drama starring Jennifer Garner.

SKY WITNESS

6am Sun, Sea And A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Caught On Dashcam **11.00** Police 24/7 **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Blue Bloods **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** The Rookie. Rosalind returns with a vengeance and Bailey's life is left hanging in the balance. **10.00** Blue Bloods. Danny and Baez race against the clock to catch a killer targeting young women. **11.00** The Rookie. In the aftermath of the assaults, the team try to understand why they were targeted. **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.40am Don't Wait Up **8.15** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.55** Porridge **9.35** The Green Green Grass **10.15** Are You Being Served? **10.50** Last Of The Summer Wine **12.10** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.50** Porridge **1.30** The Good Life **2.50** The Green Green Grass **3.30** Are You Being Served? **4.05** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.50** The Good Life **5.25** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.45** The Vicar Of Dibley **7.20** Dad's Army. Jones finds himself cast adrift. **8.00** The Vicar Of Dibley **9.30** The Royle Family **10.45** Not Going Out. Lucy decides that she wants a baby. **11.20** The Fast Show **12.00** The Vicar Of Dibley **1.30-2.20am** Not Going Out

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Upper Hand **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00 FILM** Austin Powers: The Spy Who S*****d Me. The sex-mad spy is sent back in time to swinging London in the 1960s to face the dastardly Dr Evil once again. Comedy sequel starring Mike Myers, Heather Graham and Robert Wagner. (1999) **10.55** Iain Stirling's Roast The Internet. With Katherine Ryan, Layton Williams and Amy Gledhill. **11.55** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **12.55-2.25am** South Park

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries. Double bill. **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Return To Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. Angie and Shade investigate the mysterious collapse of Zoe's cousin. **8.00** Return To Paradise. A quiet game of lawn bowls turns to chaos when a man is killed on the green in broad daylight by an antique ornamental bushranger's gun. **9.00** Death In Paradise. A coffee plantation owner is shot dead. **10.20** Father Brown. A landlady is murdered. **11.20** Private Eyes **12.20** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.20-2.15am** Return To Paradise

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Avenue 5 **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Upright **1.40** Avenue 5 **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Hitmen **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** Animal Control **9.00 FILM** Funny Cow. Drama starring Maxine Peake and Stephen Graham. (2018) **11.00** The Paper **12.05** Animal Control **1.05-2.05am** Community

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** Treehouse Masters **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **9.00** Deadliest Catch. The Time Bandit crew races incoming ice to get OJ home. **10.00** In The Eye Of The Storm. Hurricane Harvey hits Texas with 130 mph winds and record rainfall. **11.00** Expedition Files **12.00-2am** Deadliest Catch

RADIO

TalkRADIO 10am Julia Hartley-Brewer covers all the top stories you need to know

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Steve Denyer **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Geoff Lloyd **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6.30am** Steve Denyer

TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

6am Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive **7.00** Deadline Day Special With Adrian Durham **10.00** Deadline Day Special

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youngsters from their homes by whispering to them through windows.

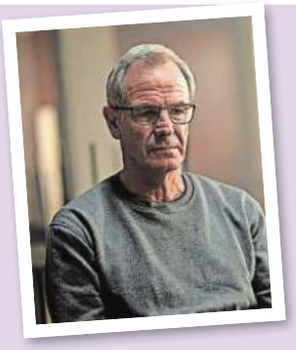
Complicating matters further is the fact the abducted boy's father is Peter's estranged son Tom Kennedy, played by Severance's Adam Scott.

The central twist to the story – based around the original whispering killer (superbly played by Michael Keaton) is neither clever nor a surprise.

Little mysteries that emerge along the way and then get explained are gratifying, with most of them based around fate and supernatural beliefs.

But then that gruesome finale goes and spoils it all.

ROD McPHEE



KILLER . . . Patrick (Robson Green)

THE GAME, Channel 5, 9pm: Serial killer Patrick Harbottle (Robson Green) – aka The Ripton Stalker – was jailed for brutally stabbing former cop Huw Miller (Jason Watkins) at the end of the first series of this gripping thriller.

But this fiend was never going to stay quiet for long, as Huw soon learns.

Having recovered from the stabbing, Huw and his family have decamped to a remote seaside town, determined to move on with their lives.

Then a letter arrives from Patrick saying he misses Huw.

Wife Alice implores Huw to ignore Patrick's attempt to unsettle him.

But with their daughter Margot being followed, his former colleagues wanting help and tragedy striking, how long will Huw be able to resist?

CELEBRITY MASTERCHEF, BBC One, 9pm: "I'm probably more nervous for this than the Paris Paralympics," athlete Lauren Steadman says as she steps into the kitchen.

But she's ready for culinary battle against The Saturdays singer Una Healy, former Corrie star Sue Cleaver, radio DJ Melvin Odoom and YouTuber and comedian Max Fosh. Will Lauren's gold-leaf sushi, drinks taste-test and grilled fillet of mackerel get her gold? Or will she fail to make the podium?

The fun continues tomorrow and Friday.

OLIVIA ATTWOOD: THE PRICE OF PERFECTION, ITV2, 9pm: Olivia travels to Seoul to discover the South Korean skincare and health secrets that have turned "K-beauty" into a global trend.

As well as scalp therapy, she follows in the footsteps of Kim Kardashian by having regenerative stem-cell treatment, but can it help heal a painful two-year-old shoulder injury?

THE JURY: 14 AND ON TRIAL FOR MURDER, Channel 4, 9pm: Expect to be gripped by the return of the Bafta-winning series that recreates real trials, with actors playing defendants, witnesses and lawyers, and members of the public as jurors.

Tonight's case concerns brothers Luke and Daniel, accused of murdering their stepfather when they were 22 and 14.

Neither denies stabbing him, but was it an act of desperation or calculated revenge?

Will this jury reach the same conclusion as the real one did?

DAVID BELL

TNT SPORTS 1

6am Premier League Review **7.00** Serie A **9.00** WRC Review **10.00** Supercars Championship Highlights **12.00** Premier League Review **1.00** CPL Highlights **1.30** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage 10 of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** Cycling **5.15** Groundbreaking **5.30** Premier League – The Big Interview **6.00** Premier League Netbusters **6.30** Premier League Stories **7.00** Serie A **9.00** Premier League Netbusters **9.30** Premier League Stories **10.00** Premier League Review **11.00** MLB Highlights **12.00** MLB Lead Off **12.30-3.30am** LIVE MLB. Chicago Cubs v Milwaukee Brewers. Start-time at 12.40.

TNT SPORTS 2

6am Cycling **7.00** Cycling **8.00** Fishing: On the Bank **9.00** MotoGP Films **9.15** MotoGP **12.45** MLB Highlights **1.45** LIVE European T20 Premier League. Glasgow Cosmic v Rotterdam Dockers. **5.30** CPL Highlights **6.00** Fishing: On the Bank **7.00** MLB Highlights **8.00** Premier League Reload **8.15** Groundbreaking **8.30** CPL Highlights **9.00** British Superbikes Highlights **10.00** UCI Mountain Bike World Championship **11.00** CPL Highlights **11.30pm-3.45am** LIVE CPL. St Kitts & Nevis Patriots v Barbados Tridents.

TNT SPORTS 3

6am NWSL **8.00** What I Wore **8.30** Premier League Review **9.30** UEFA Champions League Magazine **10.00** Cycling **10.15** Snooker Wuhan Open **12.15** Cycling **1.15** Cycling **1.30** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage 10 of the Grand Tour race, a 184.7km route from Alcaraz to Elche de la Sierra. **5.00** British Superbikes **6.30** Supercars Championship Highlights **8.30** WRC Review **9.30** Original Documentary **9.45** Cycling **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Fishing: On the Bank **12.00-2am** NWSL

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am Sporting Countdowns **7.00** LaLiga **9.00** Scottish Football Social Club **10.00** LaLiga Highlights **11.30** NASCAR Highlights **12.30** Michelin Le Mans Cup **1.00** LaLiga **4.55** LIVE Coppa Italia. Parma v Cremonese. Kick-off at 5.00. **7.15** LaLiga Highlights **7.55** LIVE Coppa Italia. Torino v Monza. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.15** LaLiga Highlights **10.30** Football's Greatest **11.00** Scottish Football Social Club **12.00** LaLiga Highlights **12.30-2.30am** Swedish Speedway

11.30 The Sports Bar **1.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Early Sports Breakfast

TALKSPORT2 *DAB talksport.com*

8am TalkSPORT 2 Special **2.00** On Track **3.00** The Social **5.00** Fight Night Extra **6.00** Following On **7.00** TalkSPORT 2 Special **12.00-8am** My Sporting Life

TIMES RADIO *DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio*

6am Kate McCann And Stig Abell **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** Jo Coburn **2.00** Jane Garvey And Fi Glover **4.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** Cara Bentley

RADIO 1 *97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1*

6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin And Charlie **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt And Mollie **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home With Vick, Katie And Jamie **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Jack Saunders **8.00** Sian Eleri **11.00** Martha **1.00** Dance Drum & Bass Mix **2.00** Anthems **4.00** Pop Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Early Breakfast With Dean McCullough

RADIO 2 *88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2*

6.30am The Sara Cox Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00** Tina Daheley **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Drivetime **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Jazz Show With Jamie Cullum **10.00** The Good Groove With Melvin Odoom **12.00** OJ Borg **2.30** Connor Phillips **3.00** Fearne Cotton (R) **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 7.50pm Dylan O'Brien stars in dark comedy Twinless

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.50am Charlie The Wonderdog (PG, 2025) ★★★ **8.30 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **10.20 Twinless** (15, 2025) ★★★★ **12.05 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **2.15 Rise Of The Conqueror** (15, 2026) ★★★ **4.15 Panda Plan 2: The Magical Tribe** (12, 2026) ★★★ **6.00 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **7.50 Twinless** (15, 2025) ★★★★ **9.35 Rise Of The Conqueror** (15, 2026) ★★★ **11.40pm-1.50am Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

7.40am Wallace & Gromit In The Curse Of The Were-Rabbit (U, 2005) ★★★★ **9.15 Chicken Run** (U, 2000) ★★★★ **10.50 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **12.40 Despicable Me** (U, 2010) ★★★★ **2.20 Despicable Me 2** (U, 2013) ★★★ **4.00 Despicable Me 3** (U, 2017) ★★★★ **5.35 The Angry Birds Movie** (U, 2016) ★★★★ **7.15 The Angry Birds Movie 2** (U, 2019) ★★★★ **8.55 Flushed Away** (U, 2006) ★★★★ **10.25pm-12midnight Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs** (U, 2009) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

7am First Knight (PG, 1995) ★★★ **9.25 Retribution** (12, 2023) ★★★ **11.10 The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor** (12, 2008) ★★★ **1.15 The Meg** (12, 2018) ★★★★ **3.15 Bad Boys II** (15, 2003) ★★★★ **5.50 Justice League** (12, 2017) ★★★★ **8.00 Spider-Man: Homecoming** (12, 2017) ★★★★★ **10.20pm-12.50am Spider-Man: No Way Home** (12, 2021) ★★★★

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11am Mysterious Island (PG, 1961) ★★★ **1.05 Spies In Disguise** (PG, 2019) ★★★★ **3.10 Send Me No Flowers** (U, 1964) ★★★★ **5.15 Spartacus** (PG, 1960) ★★★★★ **9.00 The Rock** (15, 1996) ★★★★ **11.45 Journeyman** (15, 2017) ★★★★ **1.35-3.30am Pixie** (15, 2020) ★★★

TALKING PICTURES freeview 82

11.40am Highway To Battle (U, 1961) ★★★ **1.00 The Adventures Of William Tell 1.35 A Tale Of Two Cities** (PG, 1958) ★★★ **3.55 Symphony For Steam 4.00 That's My Boy 4.35 The Break** (PG, 1963) ★★ **6.10 Nine, Dalmuir West 6.25 Whiplash 6.55 The Man From UNCLE 7.55 Buccaneer 9.00 Dulcima** (U, 1971) ★★★★ **11.00 Fortean TV 11.35pm-12.55am Strip Tease Murder** (18, 1961) ★★★

GREAT! MYSTERY freeview 50

1pm In Plain Sight 2.00 Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Mystery 101: Killer Timing (U, 2021) ★★ **11.55pm-1.50am Mystery 101: Playing Dead** (PG, 2019) ★★

GREAT! ACTION freeview 42

11am A Reason To Live, A Reason To Die (12, 1972) ★★★ **1.00 The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 The Hatton Garden Job** (15, 2017) ★★★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 Sniper: Legacy** (15, 2014) ★★★ **11.10pm-12.10am The Avengers**

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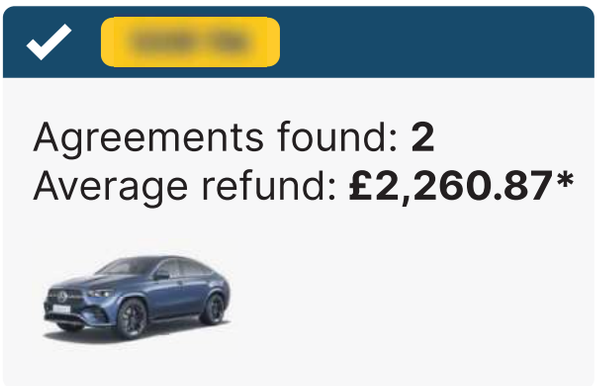

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The page where you tell Britain what you think

IT was lovely to see the 2018 Apprentice winner Sian Gabbidon, *pictured in her telly days*, and partner Clint Gordon have had their first baby – beautifully-named Raya Rose. I wish them all the best.

MILLY MARTIN
Colchester, Essex

READING in The Sun about woke ITV really gets my back up!

Snowflakes are banging on about 7 Up, a documentary series that has followed the lives of the same group of people over the decades to the present day. Viewers are warned that the original episode from 1964 contains "outdated attitudes". Perhaps that's because it was filmed more than 60 years ago!

I know there are certainly things we couldn't say now that were part of our language then, but this is madness. Wokeism is a disease.

SIMON JELLIS
Letchworth, Herts

IT seems more and more job applications are done online and AI decides who it likes the most. Soon, I fear AI will make the final decision on who gets the role – and decide that AI itself can do the job better than any human.

DENNIS FITZGERALD
Melbourne, Australia

ICELAND, under prime minister Kristrun Frostadottir, *pictured*, has given the EU the cold shoulder to guarantee it retains its sovereignty. I recall that was part of our reason for Brexit, people fed up being told what to do by the EU. Now we let Donald Trump boss us around instead.

DAVID ROSE
Linton, Cambs

Mascots joy of Matt lads

£50 LETTER

IT was so moving to see the late PC Matthew Blades' two young sons leading out their beloved Manchester United at Old Trafford, as team mascots.

"United for Dad" was the proud message on Sunday.

The deaths of Matthew and his colleague PC Tom Clough when their police car was in collision with a vehicle carrying five youths the wrong way on the A66 near Middlesbrough was a reminder of the dangers faced by the emergency services.

While police forces have been criticised, in some cases rightly, the public should never forget that officers potentially risk their lives on every shift.

Let us hope the families of PCs Blades and Clough remember the public support for these men – and that the powers that be will come down hard on the criminal gangs in Middlesbrough.

KEELEY CAVENDISH
Dulwich, South East London

WHAT a beautiful tribute by Man United to tragic PC Matthew Blades, inviting his two young sons to be match mascots.

The boys were clearly so proud as they led out the Red Devils.

It breaks my heart to think how they will miss going to the football with their dad.

Well done to the club for giving them this moment.

MAGGIE McLEOD
Bryansford, Co Down

WHAT a kind thought of Manchester United's bosses to let PC Matthew Blades' two sons be mascots. It brought tears to my eyes. May the Lord bless those boys, following the tragic loss of their father.

DAVID JOHNSON
Worthing, West Sussex

I DON'T cry easily but when I saw the sons of PC Matthew Blades stepping out as mascots for Manchester United, I did.

I'm sure those boys will always remember their loving father and would give anything just to have him back.

Please let the Middlesbrough gangs be brought to justice so we don't have to see any more tragedy like this.

SUZZANNE LAMBERT
Thirsk, North Yorks

PM Andy Burnham has been forced to back down over the planned early release of PC Andrew Harper's killers Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole, after a massive outcry.

When 50 police chiefs voiced anger, and a million people signed a petition opposing the move, the Burnham was backed into a corner.

But there is no excuse for the hurt that has been inflicted on the late PC Harper's family by the thought those thugs were up for early release in the first place.

CAROLE DAVIES
Newcastle upon Tyne

AT last, Andy Burnham has succumbed to public outrage over the proposed early release of PC Andrew Harper's killers – but not before his family had to wait an agonising six weeks while the PM dithered over this decision.

Burnham didn't take nearly as long to award the already well-paid train drivers an inflation-busting pay rise. But when you realise it was for drivers on his Manchester-to-London route, things became clearer. Shameless.

HARRY HODGE
Aldershot, Hants

ANDY BURNHAM claims he has limited power to stop criminals being freed early, without the prison system collapsing.

Er, maybe build more jails?

DOUG HARDING
Cheshunt, Herts

ALEX DAVIES-JONES, Minister for Victims and Tackling Violence against Women and Girls, has defended the Government's prisoner early-release scheme.

But do these criminals deserve to be released early? Is it safe? Will most adhere to restrictions preventing them from contacting victims? I am afraid the answers are, no, no and no.

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SO Andy Burnham says he's going to ease the cost of living, while giving train drivers another inflation-busting pay rise . . .
ALAN CLARK, Canvey Island, Essex

HERE we go again, Labour giving in to the unions with pay increases to those who are already well paid.
JOHN SHAW, Epping, Essex

TRUMP'S deal to control 65billion barrels of Venezuela's oil will lower petrol prices in the US. While the rest of the West, who rely on Middle East oil, pay top prices due to his war with Iran.
JOHN THOMAS
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ARIES March 21 – April 20

Act fast if you have a decision to make or something to say, and then move on. Not everyone will be happy, but your results will speak for themselves. You get the best out of today when you focus on the "how to" of practical jobs or a relationship issue. Sit the family down all together for the evening meal.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

A disappointment puts your sense of humour to the test. Try to take setbacks in your stride. Money or love issues need real solutions, not sticking plasters. Other people's problems benefit from your help but there's a limit. Know where your responsibilities start, and end. Single? Play the waiting game a little longer.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Big ideas are appealing but don't act on impulse. Anything that affects your daily security needs a healthy dash of realism. In love, think "hands on" and nurture your relationship with delicious food and affection. On the dating scene, you're not short of admirers. An afternoon text is the clue to the right choice.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Today feels right for not expecting too much of yourself. There's satisfaction in doing all the little things that have piled up. Some emotional baggage needs dumping too. Clinging to a grievance just makes you your own worst enemy. Fill the space with dreams. Money luck links to how much someone cares for you.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Your work zone is full of promise and abundance is closer than you think. Seeing the bigger picture motivates you, and don't let anyone tell you what can't be done. Attached or single, it's not the easiest of days to spend cosy time together. Besides, you're both so busy. Buy yourself a gift.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Mercury is on your side and it's all about focus. While others waste time, you can quietly get ahead, and impress the right people. In your love life you won't agree on everything – but no worries. It's how you handle differences that counts. Take your time with a new romance, while you check out your compatibility.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Today favours persistence, even a bit of push and shove. In business, you may need to develop a thicker skin. Your love life has seen easier times. Whatever you can do to ease a partner's stress will help. Someone you're getting to know has problems but they'll genuinely love your ability to talk things through.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Why does everything seem so hard today? Work is a slog or a boss is tough to please, but it will pass. If you're under fire in a family relationship, think before firing back. A subject you'll never see eye to eye on isn't worth a war. Single? Listen to your legendary sixth sense and you'll know who to take seriously.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Your optimism means you always believe in things getting better. And your world definitely needs that bright light today. Being there for any loved one going through a hard time will make a big difference. Word of mouth points the way to a financial breakthrough, including new work if you're job-hunting.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Nobody can fail to see how hardy you are. Finding extra discipline is one of your strengths, and does wonders for your prospects. Your cool approach is just what's needed in your love life, too. Single? Time to step back from someone who's too hard to get. Someone with a genuine smile is worth so much more.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

You love solving problems but today doesn't get off to the easiest of starts. Maybe what works for one person doesn't for another. Know your limits, especially with someone who's become too demanding. Single? Slow is good, but take care not to give the impression of being indifferent if the opposite is true.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Work decisions or money-making ideas hold great potential, including the one that's unclear to everyone but you. You know how to dodge obstacles, but bide your time before trying to win support. Mercury is a gift for having that important talk or getting to know someone new. Time for some flirtatious texting.

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EASY

1	4	7		8		9		6
			6					
			4	3			8	7
	9	3	1					5
		1				3	7	
				4		6		9
				9	6			4
8						7		
6				2				1

TEASER

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TOUGHIE

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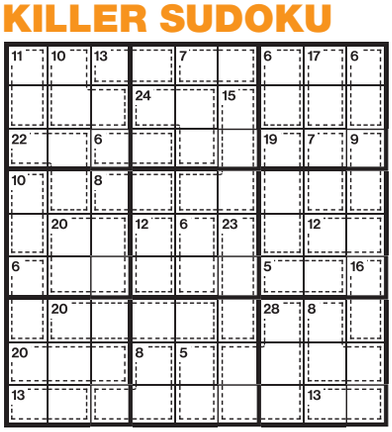
KILLER SUDOKU



The normal rules of sudoku apply. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dashes) must add up to the number in the top corner of that shape. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape. Solution on right.

TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

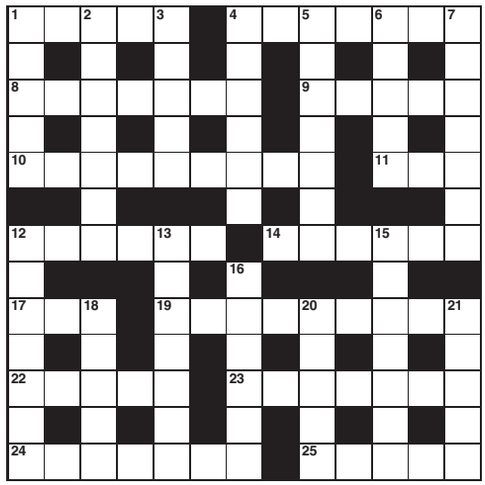
Cryptic

ACROSS

1 South American with degree in dance (5)
4 Cook rinsed a fish (7)
8 Sit on the fence, as a bishop isn't a criminal (7)
9 Unusual Roman mansion (5)
10 Hassle inspiring old lady on vacation for fabric (9)
11 Mock piece of music with syncopated melody (3)
12 Runs in sand, leading to infringement (6)
14 Satisfied by house designer's initial approach (6)
17 Function of company obvious, ultimately (3)
19 Begin hiding silver platter, primarily, close to rowdy celebration (4,5)
22 Part of central Argentina is extensive (5)
23 Dry region, endless area in part of America (7)
24 Taxi I catch, in case (7)
25 Draws inspiring Republican flags (5)

DOWN

1 Authorisation found in most amphitheatres (5)
2 Surprisingly, lose Mel in French department (7)
3 Humble Austria, with support (5)
4 Idiot stopping for one showing rationality (6)
5 Regret shown by 90s rock band sore after dancing (7)
6 Victor missing the first target on board (5)
7 Furious, as grenade exploded (7)
12 Rural leaders in Berkshire unwell with stomach pains (7)
13 Crest in broken water container (7)
15 Hold port (7)
16 A blast destroyed rock (6)
18 Damaged brush in small, woody plant (5)
20 Dropping boxes at home to decorate (5)
21 Poet is last up, touring Spain (5)



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Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Brazilian dance in duple time (5)
4 Young pilchard (7)
8 Refrain (7)
9 Land belonging to a nobleman (5)
10 Synthetic material with repeating chemical units (9)
11 Piece of scrap cloth (3)
12 Violation (6)
14 Procedure (6)
17 Type of lettuce (3)
19 Event for men prior to a wedding (4,5)
22 Great in size (5)
23 State containing Phoenix (7)
24 Most senior government ministers (7)
25 Wearies (5)

DOWN

1 Bring foot forcibly down (5)
2 River forming part of the border between Luxembourg and Germany (7)
3 Lower in rank (5)
4 Soundness of mind (6)
5 Compunction (7)
6 Central (5)
7 Fuming (7)
12 Rustic (7)
13 Water tank (7)
15 Sheltered part of coast (7)
16 Most common volcanic rock (6)
18 Perennial plant, smaller than a tree (5)
20 Coating containing pigment (5)
21 Irish poet and nationalist (5)

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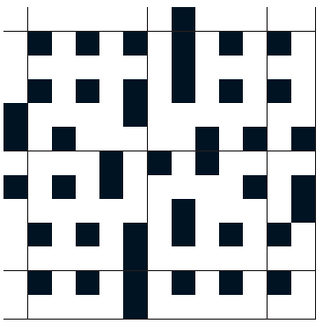
WORDSEARCH

Find seven types of pastry. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

E	F	N	S	D	P	B
E	C	I	T	T	A	L
P	B	Y	L	K	V	X
U	E	E	L	O	I	N
F	D	A	N	I	S	H
F	V	Y	K	A	L	F
A	S	C	H	O	U	X

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



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Desk
Nova
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Sexy
Void

5 letters
Avoid
Befog
Bhaji
Diner
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Flail
Kebab
Kudos
Noise
Ozone
Plant
Rider
Solve
Sting
Tango
Their
Valve
Waver

6 letters
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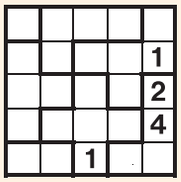

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a racing driver:

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10

8 & 7	Mr Weathers, who played Apollo Creed in the first four Rocky films (second and last letters of name)
3 & 6	Alongside Reece Shearsmith, he created Inside No. 9
10 & 5	Ms Baez, American singer of The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down (second and last letters of name)
4 & 2	She had a hit with Get Here in 1991
1 & 9	The Fast Show star who also played Pete Gifford in Cold Feet

Yesterday: Cricketer GLENN MCGRATH (Elliot Anderson, Gerald Ratner, Greta Thunberg, Nick Mason, Lynda Carter, Noddy, Hermes). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

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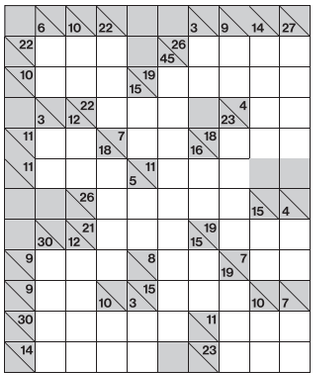
KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 14. Excellent: 12. Good: 9. Great kids' score: 7.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Cede, ceded, code, coded, commend, coned, deco, decode, deed, deem, demo, demon, dene, dome, domed, done, eddo, emend, encode, encoded, ended, mend, mended, mode, modem, need, node, COMMENDED.

Check today's answers by calling **0905 757 0155** before midnight.
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30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY **91**	÷ 7	+ 85	Half of it	- 39	× 12	- 68	÷ 4	+ 233	÷ 6	ANSWER
MEDIUM **144**	- 57	2/3 of it	- 49	× 13	+ 282	Third of it	+ 76	÷ 11	+ 411	ANSWER
HARDER **152**	+ 3/8 of it	÷ 19	× 10	- 108	× 13	+ 4189	÷ 15	+ 880	Third of it	ANSWER

favourite brain-teasers! from Tuesday to Friday

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WORD WORKOUT

3	2	11	26	■	16	26	5	10	1	14
20	■	14	■	25	■	5	■	22	■	2 A
25	26	2	19 W	26	26	11	■	14	20	5
10	■	19	■	13	■	■	■	1	■	9
■	20	5	25	20	4	10	2	18	24	26
17	■	■	■	4	■	4	■	■	■	11
26	7	10	4	5	21	10	4	1	5	■
26	■	22	■	■	■	18	■	1	■	10
14	20	26	■	15	14	4	8	8	24 L	23
26	■	12	■	20	■	10	■	26	■	6
11 D	1	10	4	5	15	■	4	11	24	26

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2 A	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 D	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 W	20	21	22	23	24 L	25	26

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 3 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 3. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: Easel, Parka, Sob, Van, Tow, Feed, Dizzy, Maths, Tool, Orb, Urn, Ore, Heart, Crypt.
DOWN: East, Subject, Livid, Pined, Rot, Always, Zoology, Smooch, Squat, Tunic, Next, Bra.

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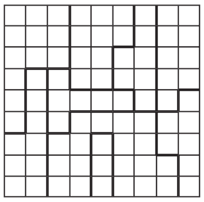
MISSING LINK

Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a household item. Solution below.

STARTING — MONEY
FREE — GUY
BODY — OUT
PROFESSIONAL — PLAY
HIGH — WOOL
LAMB — SUEY
VICTORIA — PUDDING
TURN — GRAPES
ONLY — FANCY
RIGHT — LUGGAGE

STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.



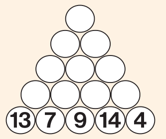
X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.

8		4			7			
7								
2					4		8	
				4	6	8		1
4		8			1			6
	9	6						
	2			8	5			
					3	2		
			4		9			

ADD UP

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.



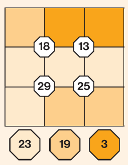
BRAINBUSTER

Can you rearrange each set of letter blocks into one longer word?

[a] G-O-CI-VE-RS-IN-IS-PE-AL

[b] LI-UN-BI-CO-TA-T-AC-Y

SAKURO



Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.

SET SQUARE

6	+		+		= 13
×	■	×	■	×	
	+		×		= 72
×	■	+	■	+	
	×		−		= 20
= 48		= 17		= 49	

Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.

Yesterday's solutions

Sun DOKU

Teaser

4	3	6	5	2	1	9	7	8
1	2	7	8	9	6	3	4	5
8	9	5	7	3	4	6	1	2
5	7	3	1	8	9	2	6	4
9	8	4	6	7	2	5	3	1
6	1	2	3	4	5	8	9	7
7	4	9	2	5	3	1	8	6
3	5	1	4	6	8	7	2	9
2	6	8	9	1	7	4	5	3

Toughie

6	7	3	8	5	1	4	9	2
9	4	2	3	7	6	1	5	8
1	8	5	2	9	4	6	3	7
3	2	9	7	4	8	5	6	1
4	6	8	9	1	5	7	2	3
5	1	7	6	2	3	8	4	9
2	5	6	1	3	7	9	8	4
7	9	4	5	8	2	3	1	6
8	3	1	4	6	9	2	7	5

Two-speed crossword

ACROSS: 8 Rat-tle-r, 9 C-ran-e, 10 C-h-est, 11 Disdain, 12 Sha-peles-s, 15 A-nt, 16 Bus, 17 Yard-s-tick, 20 Eardrum, 22 E-quip, 24 Cache(t), 25 V-(r)isible.

DOWN: 1 B-race-s, 2 Stye (sty), 3 F-latter-y, 4 Brid-le, 5 Acts, 6 Ca-lama-r-i, 7 Peanut, 13 Abstract, 14 S-us-pens-e, 16 B-l-each, 18 R-em-ove, 19 Kipper, 21 Re-e-f, 23 (J)umbo.

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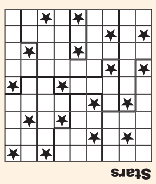
Sudoku
Kriss Kross
Stars



X Factor
Set Square
Sakuro
Kakuro
Wordsearch
Killer Sudoku

Missing Link Gate, Fall, Blow, Foul, Wire, Chop, Plum, Sour, Just, Hand
TABLECLOTH

Brainbuster [a] Overspecialising [b] Accountability

Page 2 Sekuta Top line 679 Middle 514 Bottom 823

Numbercrunch 41, 430, 387

Add Up 155

A REFINE MESS

BRITAIN'S last four oil refineries risk closure because of carbon taxes, a report warns.

Energy consultancy **WATT-LOGIC** says the UK Emissions Trading Scheme leaves domestic plants at a gross £540million annual disadvantage. Even after free allowances, refiners pay £200million a year.

The report urges No10 to rethink the policy, saying: "It's not decarbonisation, it's deindustrialisation and offshoring."

OIL JOBS FEAR

A TAX raid on North Sea oil and gas could destroy jobs and hammer investment, business chiefs have warned.

Chancellor John Healey is mulling over extending the windfall levy past 2030. Producers already face a 78 per cent tax rate.

Aberdeen business leader Russell Borthwick said another squeeze would inflict lasting harm. **OFFSHORE ENERGIES UK** warns it will drive investment overseas.

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HAS SHINE COME OFF FOR SHEIN?

Star backing . . . Love Island's Georgia Steel

Fashion giant's cut-price float

FAST-fashion giant SHEIN is about to hit the stock market — but its price tag is a fraction of its former value.

By JAMES FLANDERS

The retailer, famous for ultra-cheap clothes, will make its Hong Kong debut today with a valuation of up to $27billion (£19.6billion).

That is far below the $100billion (£73.3billion) it was worth at its 2022 peak, and short of the $30billion it had initially targeted.

Shein plans to sell 280million shares at between 47.60 and 49.50 Hong Kong dollars each, raising as much as $1.8billion (£1.3billion).

It could also sell another 42million shares.

Around 90 per cent of the stock will go to overseas investors.

Giants **GOLDMAN SACHS**, **MORGAN STANLEY** and **JP MORGAN** are backing the float.

£1.3bn How much Shein plans to raise from float

The listing comes after failed attempts to launch in New York and London, where Shein faced fierce political and regulatory scrutiny – with questions over labour practices and supply chains in China.

But the flotation lands at a tough time. Shein revealed a $99million (£73million) loss for the first quarter of 2026 as tax changes battered sales.

US President Donald Trump's removal of America's "de minimis" duty loophole on small parcels hit Shein's model of shipping clothes directly from China to shoppers.

The EU has followed with a €3 (£2.56) charge on small parcels from outside the bloc.

Britain plans to close its own small parcel loophole in October 2028.

Shein says it may raise prices across America and Europe to soften the blow – meaning its famously cheap fashion could soon cost shoppers more.

ALLIANZ £5BN AA PLAN

BREAKDOWN group the AA could be snapped up by German insurance giant ALLIANZ in a blockbuster £5billion deal.

The insurer — which is worth about £144.6billion — already owns LV='s general insurance business. It has reportedly spent months discussing a takeover and private equity firm EQT has also expressed interest. Bank sources said the talks remain uncertain.

The AA's owners — three private equity firms — have been considering a sale and a stock market comeback. The AA and Allianz declined to comment.

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- **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC is 31C: A week all-inclusive at the 5★ Wyndham Alltra Punta Cana is from £815pp including flights from Gatwick next Tuesday. See thomascook.com.**
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DISCOVER SINGER'S TENNESSEE AND TEXAS

DUST off those cowboy boots and grab your glitter as fans across the globe wave goodbye to country music sensation Dolly Parton. The star passed away last week, aged 80, but her legend lives on in the US. SOPHIE SWIETOCHOWSKI shares her top Dolly holidays in Nashville, the Great Smoky Mountains and beyond.

SEE WHAT'S NEW IN NASHVILLE

DOLLY got busy in her 80th year and Nashville was her focus, with the star launching a host of new attractions.

The 245-room SongTeller Hotel, *above*, opens a week on Monday. Fans can raise a glass to the country hero in one of two live music venues, Parton's Live and Jolene's – try a Dirt Road Martini – Dolly's favourite.

On the third floor of the hotel, Dolly's Life Of Many Colors Museum opens on September 29, with exhibits that explore her writing career and bold fashion choices.

Swing by Dolly's Tennessean Travel Stop in Cornersville, south of Nashville. The roadside venue has classic Tennessee barbecue, trucker facilities and a live music venue.

GO: Bon Voyage has a five-night stay at SongTeller Hotel from £1,995pp with flights on September 14. See bon-voyage.co.uk or call 0800 316 0194.

BRINGING THE SPARKLE . . . late star Dolly

TENNESSEE CHILDHOOD

THIS ticks off two of Dolly's biggest loves – the great open road and Tennessee.

Start in Nashville, where she made a name for herself as a high school grad, before heading to Jackson and Memphis. After a stop in Chattanooga, there's the Great Smoky Mountains and Dolly's hometown of Sevierville, which has the Pines Theatre where she performed aged ten. A must is her theme park Dollywood, in Pigeon Forge, which has a replica of her childhood home, *above*.

GO: A 14-night Tennessee Music Pathway trip costs from £1,995pp including flights and car hire. See americaasyoulikeit.com.

Escape the 9 to 5 on the perfect Dollyday

TEXAS MOVIE AND RODEO TRAIL

TENNESSEE may be the legend's home state, but Texas is where Parton made her big early film hit.

Dolly was nominated for Best Actress at the Golden Globes for her performance as Mona Stangley in The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas, *above* – shot in various locations throughout the Lone Star state.

Start in Austin, where the film premiered, then head to Hallettsville, a quaint Texan town that was used as a backdrop, and end in La Grange, which inspired the movie's story.

She also performed some of her biggest gigs here, including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – a must-visit while you're in town.

GO: A five-night holiday with BA flights to Austin, returning from Dallas plus car hire; three nights at the Hilton Garden Inn Austin and two nights at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Dallas is from £1,875pp. See americaasyoulikeit.com.

COUNTRY MUSIC AND MEMPHIS

THOSE keen to delve into the full musical story of America's South should set their sights on this bucket-list Tennessee tour.

Alongside the must-visit Dolly destinations of Nashville and Pigeon Forge, you will explore Memphis, home to Elvis's Graceland and Sun Studio, which has welcomed some of the most famous faces in American musical history.

Chattanooga and the equally legendary recording studio, Muscle Shoals, is also on the list, as is a stay at Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa, *above*, a proper country-themed hotel with roaring fireplaces and guitars hanging from the wall.

GO: The 14-night trip costs from £3,409pp including flights in November, accommodation and intermediate car hire with insurance. Free airport lounge pass also included. See northamericatravelservice.com or call 0333 323 9033.

WHERE SINGER USED TO HOLIDAY

WANT to add some sunshine and guaranteed R&R to your break? Head to Panama City Beach, *above*, in Florida, a place Dolly said she "always loved" for its white sand and emerald water.

When you're not kicking back on a sun lounger, try the Pirates Voyage Dinner & Show – founded by Parton herself. There are sister sites in Pigeon Forge and Myrtle Beach.

The show was co-written by Dolly, too, and it's a laugh. The arena has a lagoon and two pirate ships, as well as acrobats performing aerial stunts. During the show, you gorge on four courses of classic Southern grub.

GO: Seven nights' room-only at the Holiday Inn Resort Panama City Beach is from £1,089pp, based on four sharing. Price includes Heathrow return flights, car hire and tickets for Pirates Voyage dinner show. See purelytravel.co.uk or call 0844 80 444 80.

ENVISION BULGARIA JET2 TRIP

JET2 has added extra flights from a number of UK airports to help Eurovision fans heading to the 2027 final in Bourgas, Bulgaria.

Additional flights from Birmingham, East Midlands, Manchester and Glasgow will run throughout the Eurovision week, from the semi-finals on Tuesday May 11 to the grand final on Saturday May 15.

The expanded programme means customers can now travel to Bourgas from ten UK airports with multiple weekly departures also from Leeds Bradford, Liverpool, Bristol, Newcastle, Stansted and Gatwick.

The Black Sea coastal city will host thousands of Eurovision fans with the contest staged at the Arena Burgas, the country's newest sports and entertainment venue.

To book flights, see jet2.com.

BRITISH Airways and British Airways Holidays have launched their September Sale with savings on flights and holidays available until September 29. Offers include return flights to New York from £410 as well as new route launch Melbourne, with return fares from £846.

There are savings on breaks including Sri Lanka, where BA are launching a new direct service to Colombo from October 23 with seven-night getaways from £749pp.

For stays closer to home, BA Holidays has seven nights in Malaga from £319pp and seven nights in Madeira from £479pp.

To book, go to ba.com/sale.

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- **SPAIN: Five nights' B&B at H10 Cambrils Playa, Costa Dorada, is from £525pp , flying from Stansted on September 23. To book, call 0192 223 4400 or visit cooptravel.co.uk.**
- **MED CRUISE: Seven nights' full-board on P&O Cruises' Azura is from 849pp. Departing Malta on September 10, the cruise calls at Ajaccio, Corsica; Livorno for Florence and Pisa; Civitavecchia for Rome and Naples. Includes return flights from selected UK airports and transfers as well as kids' clubs and entertainment. See pocruises.com.**
- **BALI: Seven nights' B&B at the 5★ Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa is from £1,029pp including flights from Heathrow on November 2 and transfers. See travelbag.co.uk or call 0203 393 9620.**
- **SOLO GREECE: Seven nights on Friendship Travel's Kefalonia trip is from £1,047pp at the new adults-only Coudour Hotel with double room for solo travellers, breakfast plus five dinners with wine; transport for two evenings out and airport transfers. See friendshiptravel.com.**

FREE STOP IN SEOUL

KOREAN Air is giving away **FREE** hotel stays in Seoul to select passengers on its new Australia route.

The service from Seoul to Melbourne will mean that Brits can travel via Korea to Australia – and anyone who isn't able to bag a same-day connection will be given a free hotel stopover.

Hotel stays have to be requested and are available on routes from the UK to Seoul, which applies for the outbound journey to Melbourne.

The new Seoul to Melbourne route will operate from December 18, this year, through to March 14, on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

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TENNIS US OPEN ACTION

SAMUEL . . . £140k prize

Toby's no sob story any more

From ROB MAUL

HOMESICK Toby Samuel sobbed down the phone to his mum after banking £190 for his first ATP Tour-level win.

Yet, almost five years on, the British qualifier is £140,000 richer after reaching the US Open second round.

Mum Sarah is now the one tearing up, while dad Richard races to New York in time for tomorrow's clash with Czech No18 seed Jiri Lehecka.

In January 2025, he was 1,871 on the ATP list but is now set to break into the world's top 100.

Samuel, 23, said: "It's kind of surreal. When I was that ranking, I didn't imagine I'd be playing these events this year.

"But I've managed to carry on that form and haven't really looked back."

Samuel recalled beating Chilean Michel Vernier in Guatemala in 2021, earning him less than £200.

He said: "I won in the first round, I'd made it as a pro. I was exhausted, saved five match points.

"I said to my mum, 'I want to fly home, I've got one point'. You have to go through all the tough experiences to be able to play at this level."

His parents were in New York for qualifying but flew home on Friday.

Samuel said: "My mum gave me a voice note. She was crying a little bit.

"She's not a good flier so I'll see her when I come back."

All Fery different

From ROB MAUL

ARTHUR FERY escaped to France and Spain to clear his head after reaching the Wimbledon semi-final.

He makes his US Open debut today against Italian No13 seed Lorenzo Musetti — a year after winning in a lowly Challenger event in Colombia.

Fery *(left)*, 24, said: "I took time off after Wimbledon.

"It was good to relax.

"I took 12 days off tennis, then practised for two weeks ready for the States. I feel ready to keep pushing on.

"It's my first time here in the main draw and I feel like I'm in my prime.

"I feel good in my body. I'm playing the best tournaments in the world, so life has changed a bit!"

DARTY'S BARTOLI PARTY

HARRIET DART thanked a former Wimbledon women's champion for wise words as she looks to break new ground in New York.

From ROB MAUL in New York

The qualifier beat American Peyton Stearns 3-6 6-3 6-2 and will meet No25 seed Marie Bouzkova from the Czech Republic in the second round.

Dart, 30, has never previously got past that stage at Flushing Meadows.

Frenchwoman Marion Bartoli *(above)* – the 2013 SW19 champ – has been coaching her since the end of January.

Londoner Dart said: "Marion does a lot of my training weeks as we live near each other.

"Primarily she has done the Slams but, on the grass this summer, she did a few weeks with me.

"We trained in Florida together. She has a busy schedule and we have to coordinate it.

"I am benefiting from all the work. She is a great coach and an even better human. She is very funny. I am trying to soak up everything I can from such a champion. She has perfect English – my French is very bad.

"This is a big step. I haven't played at this level for a really long time.

"To beat a player as high-calibre as Peyton feels really rewarding.

"I gained confidence in qualifying and to have the exposure and time on these courts has been a real bonus."

Defending champion **CARLOS ALCARAZ** made a winning return to the court on his first appearance since April 14.

The 23-year-old Spaniard, who missed Wimbledon with a wrist injury, triumphed 6-4 6-4 6-4 in his first-round match against Russian Roman Safiullin.

Scot **JACOB FEARNLEY**, a qualifying lucky loser, moved into round two with a superb 4-6 6-2 4-6 7-5 6-3 win over Spaniard Martin Landaluce.

At a time of 4hr 10min, it was the longest match of the 25-year-old's pro career, with the final set 57 minutes.

NEW TERRITORY . . . Dart hopes to reach the US Open third round for the first time

Djokosick

ILL NOVAK'S WORST LOSS IN 20 YEARS

NOVAK DJOKOVIC wiped sick from his mouth and tears from his eyes as his tired body cramped up — and then admitted that he "despised every moment" of his US Open exit.

From **ROB MAUL** in NEW YORK

But, perhaps, unsympathetic John McEnroe summed up his predicament more accurately when the American tennis legend declared "Father Time" catches up with everyone in the end – and has done for the 39-year-old.

For the first time at this Slam – and first time at any of the four Majors for 20 years – the Serbian was defeated in a first-round match.

New York became Spew York as Djokovic threw up multiple times on the Arthur Ashe Court during his five-set defeat to Argentine Mariano Navone *(right)*, 25.

In front of the wife of Argentine World Cup-winner Lionel Messi, Navone came from two sets to one down to shock the former world No1 7-6 5-7 4-6 6-2 6-1 in four hours and 36 minutes.

It finished five minutes before midnight, local time.

The 24-time Grand Slam champion was emotional as he struggled in the humidity under a closed roof. Twice, Djokovic popped pills from a trainer and had a lower-back massage in a medical timeout before the fifth set.

He had the same issue at the Cincinnati Open and said it was connected to an existing health condition, related to heat and humidity, "that has been bothering me for the past couple of years".

Djokovic said: "When it comes to the match itself and the overall feeling of how I felt with my body and playing, it was really not enjoyable.

"I pretty much despised every moment that I spent on the court for that. I think it was obvious it was an awful feeling on the court for me.

"It's something that I've been carrying, unfortunately, pretty much every match this year. You know, vomiting, throwing up, a serious issue there. Then my whole body starts to collapse, basically cramping and pain.

"The back just gave up in the end, and shoulder, and I couldn't close it out.

"I don't want to take too much out of his win. Congrats to him.

"He's a nice guy, a fighter. But I didn't enjoy myself.

"Is this something I can fix? I don't know. I'm trying, man. I didn't want to give up in the fourth or fifth set. I wanted to finish the match."

It is three years since Djokovic *(left)* won Slam No24 in New York.

In 12 Majors since, he has made two finals (at Wimbledon and Melbourne) and six other semi-finals.

Yet he turns 40 next May, just before the French Open, and there are serious questions over whether he can last the pace of a fortnight of five-set tennis.

McEnroe, who won seven Slam singles titles, admitted: "Father Time is undefeated, we got proof of that again, unfortunately, for the great Novak Djokovic."

SCHEFFLER . . . beer

Scottie enjoys a round

By DAVID FACEY

MONEYBAGS golf No1 Scottie Scheffler had a rare beer to celebrate his latest victory — because it was FREE.

The devout Christian, who normally shuns alcohol, took his PGA Tour career earnings to £96.27million on Sunday, knocking Tiger Woods off the top spot.

American Scheffler's three-shot win in the season-ending Tour Championship in Atlanta earned him a £7.4m cheque.

He also pocketed a new £17m bonus — not counted in his PGA earnings — for topping the season-long money list.

Scheffler, 30, said: "There was an open bar and I'm like, 'All right, I'm grabbing a beer!'.

"It tasted great. I don't drink often. My wife and manager were like, 'Wow, I haven't seen you have a beer in a long time'.

"Well, I thought, 'The season's over, I'm going to have a well-earned beer'."

Scheffler's winnings overhauled the £89.26m earned by Woods.

Meanwhile, Joe Dean's breakthrough British Masters victory at The Belfry has put him in contention for a PGA Tour card.

The former Morrisons delivery driver, 32, went from 74th to 13th on the Race to Dubai standings.

And the ten highest-placed golfers earn automatic promotion to the US circuit in November.

Sport

SHAUN MURPHY split with coach Peter Ebdon – four months after reaching the world final. Murphy, 44, said: "We had a good couple of seasons together. I just felt things had reached as far as we could go."

SHORT

US offer so Super

By GARY CARTER

SUPER LEAGUE chiefs received a £20million USA offer that will blow the NRL out of the water.

Bosses in Australia had tabled a proposal to invest £7m a year in return for a ten per cent stake in rugby league's top flight.

It was dismissed as it valued Super League at just £70m.

But an American investment group has now come in with a straight £20m-a-year bid for ten per cent.

SunSport understands the unnamed group is not connected to LionCap, a hedge fund linked to Salford's last dire owners.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

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Kidderminster	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
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Boston Utd	5	2	0	3	6	6	6
Worthing	5	2	0	3	9	10	6
Altrincham	5	2	0	3	5	7	6
Forest Green	5	2	0	3	6	10	6
Wealdstone	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Scunthorpe	5	1	1	3	8	10	4
Tamworth	5	1	1	3	10	14	4
Woking	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
FC Halifax	4	1	0	3	8	9	3
Gateshead	5	1	0	4	4	8	3
Barrow	5	0	2	3	5	9	2
Solihull Moors	5	0	0	5	5	16	0

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NORTHERN PREMIER - Curzon Ashton 2 Ashton Utd 0, Emley AFC 0 Guiseley 4, FC United of Manchester 3 AVRO 4, Gainsborough Trinity 0 Cleethorpes Town 3, Hyde Utd 2 Bury FC 1, Ilkeston Town 0 Quorn 2, Lancaster City 0 Workington 3, Leek Town P Warrington Town P, Stockton Town 0 Redcar Athletic 2, Warrington Rylands 3 Bamber Bridge 1, Whitby Town 1 Alfreton Town 4. **Div One Midlands -** Corby Town 3 AFC Rushden & Diamonds 3, Barwell 1 Rugby Borough 1, Basford Utd 2 Belper Town 1, Bedworth Utd 2 Coventry United 0, Boston Town 1 Bourne Town 1, Coleshill Town 3 Boldmere St Michaels 3, Grantham Town 3 Long Eaton Utd 1, Mickleover 0 Loughborough Students 6, Shepshed Dynamo 4 Carlton Town 0, Sutton Coldfield Town 2 Nuneaton Town 0, Wellingborough Town 4 St Ives Town 1. **Div One North -** 1874 Northwich 1 Vauxhall Motors 1, Chasetown 3 Lichfield City 2, Hanley Town 3 Newcastle Town 2, Kidsgrove Ath 2 Congleton Town 1, Lower Breck 0 Bootle 4, Nantwich Town 0 Witton Albion 3, Padiham 0 Stafford Rangers 4, Prescot Cables 1 Runcorn Linnets 1, Shifnal Town 1 Clitheroe 2, Stalybridge Celtic 0 Atherton Collieries 4, Wythenshawe Town 2 Mossley 0. **Div One South:** Heaton Stannington 2 Ashington 1, Blyth Spartans 1 Morpeth Town 0, Bridlington Town 0 Garforth Town 2, Dunston UTS 4 West Auckland Town 0, Guisborough Town 2 Consett 0, Hallam 1 Matlock Town 1, Lincoln Utd 0 Grimsby Borough 2, North Ferriby FC 1 Beverley Town 0, Ossett United 1 Bradford P A 1, Pontefract Collieries 5 Liversedge 0, Silsden 0 Stocksbridge P S 0.

SOUTHERN PREMIER: Central - Anstey Nomads 3 Banbury Utd 0, Bishop's Stortford 2 Hitchin Town 0, Bury Town 4 Leiston 3, Kettering 5 Stamford 0, Needham Market 3 Peterborough Sports 3, Racing Club Warwick 0 Stratford Town 0, Real Bedford 3 Leighton Town 2, Redditch Utd 3 Halesowen Town 1, Rushall Olympic 0 Alvechurch 1, Worcester City 0 Bromsgrove Sporting 1. **South -** Basingstoke Town 2 Bracknell Town 1, Berkhamsted 1 Hanwell Town 0, Chichester City 3 Havant and W 2, Frome Town 1 Bath City 0, Gloucester 1 Evesham Utd 2, Hanworth Villa 4 Chertsey Town 1, Malvern Town 1 Chippenham 2, Plymouth Parkway 2 Poole Town 0, Sholing 1 Gosport Borough 0, Uxbridge 0 Wimborne Town 0, Yate Town 1 Taunton Town 4. **Div One South & West -** Bideford 1 Willand Rovers 1, Bishop's Cleeve 4 Bristol Manor Farm 1, Dorchester Town 1 Hungerford Town 0, Falmouth Town 3 Barnstaple Town 1, Hartpury University P Worcester Raiders P, Larkhall Athletic 3 Westbury Utd 0, Melksham Town 0 Weymouth 2, Portland Utd 2 Shaftesbury 0, Sporting Club Inkberrow 2 Slimbridge 0, Swindon Supermarine 3 Paulton 1, Tiverton Town 1 Exmouth Town 2. **Division One Midlands:** Aylesbury Utd 1 Flackwell Heath 0, Biggleswade FC 3 Barton Rovers 0, Didcot Town 5 Beaconsfield Town 0, Hadley 1 Winslow Utd 2, Hertford Town 3 London Lions 2, Leverstock Green 0 Potters Bar Town 0, Marlow 1 Thame Utd 3, Milton Keynes Irish 0 Biggleswade Town 0, Royston Town 1 Stotfold 1, Waltham Abbey 5 Haringey Borough 1, Ware 0 Welwyn Garden City 3.

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WELSH PREMIER - Airbus UK Broughton 6 Holywell Tn 2, Ammanford 0 Cardiff Met Uni 5, Briton Ferry 1 Barry Town Utd 4, Caernarfon Town 2 The New Saints FC 3, Cambrian United 2 Penybont 2, Colwyn Bay 2 Llandudno 0, Flint Town Utd 1 Connah's Quay Nomads 2, Haverfordwest County 2 Trefelin BGC 1.

PREMIER LEAGUE 2—Div 1 - Bournemouth 3 Middlesbrough 1, Brentford 5 Sunderland 1, Brighton 2 Arsenal 2, Chelsea 5 West Ham 4, Derby 4 West Brom 4, Man Utd 4 Leicester 1, Newcastle 0 Fulham 4, Tottenham Hotspur 3 Birmingham 3.

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BRITISH OPEN (Cheltenham): **1st rd -** I Boiko (Ukr) bt Y Xu (Chn) 4-2.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York): **Men's Singles 1st rnd -** J Rodionov (Aut) bt G Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) 7-6 (7-2) 6-0 7-6 (7-4); S Gorzny (USA) bt R Collignon (Bel) 3-6 6-3 3-6 6-3 7-6 (11-9); (22) V Vacherot (Mon) bt A Kovacevic (USA) 6-2 6-3 7-5; R Sakamoto (Jpn) bt A Vukic (Aus) 6-4 6-7 (5-7) 6-4 3-6 6-4; A Michelsen (USA) bt F Cina (Ita) 6-4 6-1 6-0; (23) A Rublev (Rus) bt O Virtanen (Fin) 6-7 (5-7) 6-7 (0-7) 6-0 6-2 7-6 (10-5); S Tsitsipas (Gre) bt (10) A Fils (Fra) 4-6 7-6 (7-3) 6-1 6-4; A Mannarino (Fra) bt T Agustin Tirante (Arg) 4-6 3-6 6-3 6-3 6-3; (2) C Alcaraz (Spa) bt R Safiullin (Rus) 6-4 6-4 6-4.

Women's Singles 1st rnd - (1) A Sabalenka (Blr) bt M C O Serrano (Col) 6-2 6-4; O Selekhmeteva (Spa) bt A Ito (Jpn) 6-2 6-4; T Townsend (USA) bt (20) M Chwalinska (Pol) 6-2 6-3; K Birrell (Aus) bt P Marcinko (Cro) 3-6 7-6 (7-4) 6-3; M Sawangkaew (Tha) bt P Udvardy (Hun) 6-4 6-3; (21) A Kalinskaya (Rus) bt A Blinkova (Rus) 6-4 6-3; (26) E Navarro (USA) bt L Boisson (Fra) 7-6 (8-6) 6-7 (1-7) 6-3; (7) K Muchova (Cze) bt S Kraus (Aut) 6-3 6-0; L Tagger (Aut) bt T Korpatsch (Ger) 6-0 7-6 (7-4); (10) A Anisimova (USA) bt A Krueger (USA) 6-1 6-3; C Bucsa (Spa) bt (28) S Bejlek (Cze) 7-5 4-6 6-1; H Sakatsume (Jpn) bt A Kalinina (Ukr) 6-3 6-3; H Dart (GB) bt P Stearns (USA) 3-6 6-3 6-2; (25) M Bouzkova (Cze) bt E Jacquemot (Fra) 6-2 6-2; Q Zheng (Chn) bt K Liutova (Rus) 4-6 6-3 6-1; M Timofeeva (Uzb) bt T Zidansek (Slo) 6-3 7-5.

TODAY'S SPORT

(7.45 unless stated)

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Birmingham v Southampton..... 8.0
Lincoln City v Blackburn.....
Portsmouth v Derby .....
Preston v Bristol City.....
Sheff Utd v Bolton.....
Stoke v Norwich 8.0
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)
Swansea v Watford.....
West Ham v Wolves .....

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Bradford v Cambridge Utd.....
Bromley v Leyton Orient .....
Doncaster v Notts County .....
Huddersfield v Oxford Utd.....
Leicester v Plymouth.....
Peterborough v Stevenage .....
Wycombe v Sheff Wed.....

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO
Accrington Stanley v Grimsby.....
Bristol Rovers v Colchester.....
Cheltenham v York.....
Chesterfield v Gillingham.....
Crewe v Walsall .....
Exeter v Barnet .....
Fleetwood Tn v Oldham .....
Northampton v Crawley Tn .....
Rochdale v Shrewsbury.....
Salford City v Newport County.....
Swindon v Port Vale.....
Tranmere v Rotherham.....

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL
FC Halifax v Hartlepool .....

KDM EVOLUTION TROPHY: Stranraer v Celtic U21.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL: Stourbridge v Leamington.

NORTHERN PREMIER: Leek Tn v Warrington Tn.

CRICKET

First Women's One Day International: England v Ireland (Leicester, 1pm).

Fourth Twenty20 International: Zimbabwe v South Africa (Windhoek, 1pm).

CRICKET TRESCO'S HOPE

ALL SEAMS PROMISING

Line-up like '05 Ashes

OLLIE NEED IS LOVE . . . ace Robinson and pals are giving Fab Four vibes

MARCUS TRESCOTHICK reckons England's fast bowlers are comparable to the fabled 'Fab Four' from The Ashes in 2005.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

The current quartet of quicks – Jofra Archer, Ollie Robinson, Gus Atkinson and Josh Tongue – have blown away Pakistan in back-to-back Tests.

They have a mixture of raw pace, swing, seam and accuracy.

Trescothick said: "We do have some real skill and, when you look back to 2005, you could easily make those sort of comparisons."

And Trescothick should know. He was opening England batsman the summer the hosts beat the Aussies for the first time in 18 years.

Now he is the interim coach – taking charge of the team until Kiwi Stephen Fleming starts.

But can Archer *(above)*, Robinson, Tongue and Atkinson *(below)* help England regain The Ashes next summer?

They also have red-ball assignments this winter in South Africa, Bangladesh and a one-off pink ball match in Melbourne celebrating 150 years of Test cricket.

Trescothick believes there are plenty of other speed merchants if any of the headline four are injured or need rotating.

For the two Tests in Bangladesh, England will have to include one or two spinners so the quartet will be split up.

Trescothick said: "We're building an attack with the four bowlers we had at Headingley and Lord's and a few guys backing them up, with pace and skill.

"The more Tests they play together, the better opportunity we've got in more challenging conditions and away from home, in particular.

"We have a good contrast. There's three bowling at 90mph, which is nice to have.

"I don't want to get too far ahead but there'll be five, six or seven quick bowlers going to South Africa and the same next summer for The Ashes."

Archer *(above)* is like Steve Harmison with his pace and bounce, Robinson is the Matthew Hoggard, with his swing and seam.

Robinson has 23 wickets at 8.34 apiece in three summer Tests.

Tongue *(left)* is the Andrew Flintoff-type bullying bowler while Atkinson can be compared to Simon Jones, who sadly never played for England again after the 2005 Ashes due to injury.

Of course, England's fast bowlers have been flattered by Pakistan's poor batting.

Those on the fringes include Sonny Baker, Sam Cook and Matthew Fisher but Trescothick is not inclined to rest any of his main quartet when the Third Test against Pakistan starts at Edgbaston a week tomorrow.

He added: "I want to win the series 3-0. We're not going to Edgbaston to ease off the gas."

HEROES . . . Harmison and Flintoff in 2005

Pakistan axe for 7

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

PAKISTAN have reacted to losing the first two Tests to England by sending home SEVEN players and sacking their coach and the assistant coach.

It is the latest shambolic move in the mad, mad world of Pakistan cricket.

The dumped players include Mohammad Rizwan, Imam-ul-Haq, Ali Usman and Khurram Shahzad — who all played in both Tests — and Salman Ali Agha.

Agha captained the side in the First Test.

The other two players leaving the squad are Aamir Jamal and Muhammad Awais.

It is believed that some of the players did not know they were being sent home until reading it on social media.

Coaches Sarfaraz Ahmed and Umar Gul are also being replaced by New Zealander Mike Hesson and Australian ex-bowler Ashley Noffke.

ITAUMA . . . ninth-round KO

Mo wants to go again

FRANK WARREN already has a fight on his hands to talk Moses Itauma out of an immediate rematch with Filip Hrgovic.

By JACK FIGG

Itauma was stretchered out of the ring after boxing to the point of exhaustion as Hrgovic stopped the 21-year-old prodigy in round nine to win the IBF world heavyweight title on Saturday night.

After being released from hospital, Brit Itauma thanked his fans in the wake of his first pro defeat and insisted he will be back.

And Warren revealed: "He's saying, 'Can we get the rematch on?' which is a natural reaction.

"But I told him, 'You've got to switch off from boxing, chill out and spend some time with your family and recharge your batteries and then we get to work again'.

"Provided he learns the lessons from the fight, he can go on and do great things.

"I would like to see him in at least one, maybe two fights and see where we go."

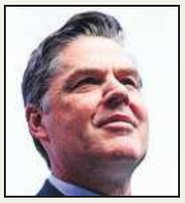
Itauma floored Hrgovic, 34, in the second and won every round after that. But he showed his inexperience – of just 14 previous bouts and 31 rounds completed – by trying to KO the Croatian.

Warren, 74, added: "After the seventh I said, 'He's going to punch himself out'.

"I said to him only recently, 'There will come a time when you come up against someone who can take a shot and you'll have to get to plan B'.

"That's what happened on the night . . . and it's happened to so many fighters over the years."

Martin Lipton



MASTERS . . . Prem boss

Euro plot to hit PL

WITH the Prem summer spending crashing through the £3BILLION mark before the final frantic hours of wheeling and dealing today, it can be no surprise that questions about the entire transfer market are growing.

But the financial power of the top flight, led by PL chief executive Richard Masters, is now so vast that the rest of Europe's elite are looking at ways of evening up the equation by a back-door route.

SunSport can reveal that the concept of a salary cap is back on the agenda of Europe's biggest clubs in a sign that the tectonic plates could be shifting.

Senior Euro figures have confirmed the subject was at the top of the agenda in talks between club bosses in Monaco, ahead of Thursday's Champions League draw.

A number of top clubs are keen to draft a proposal to ask the European Union to carve an opt-out for sport from current employment legislation, allowing football bosses to impose a US-style limit on expenditure.

It is an attempt to neuter the financial advantages that allow even mid-table Prem sides to outspend all but the biggest four or five teams on the continent.

INFANTINO . . . battle

Gianni won't go

GIANNI INFANTINO stayed under the radar last week — as a Uefa-led campaign to oust him cranked up.

By threatening fraud investigations in Switzerland and lodging legal papers in three different US Court jurisdictions, European chiefs are clearly trying to force Infantino out before the scheduled March presidential vote.

Now the Dutch FA has proposed a global meeting, to be held in Amsterdam, to discuss the way forward for Fifa, with Infantino told he is NOT invited to attend.

The Swiss, though, will be sitting in his bunker and going through the numbers.

He will claim a "mandate" if he has 106 of the 211 national associations in his corner.

It's as simple as that.

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF SPORT

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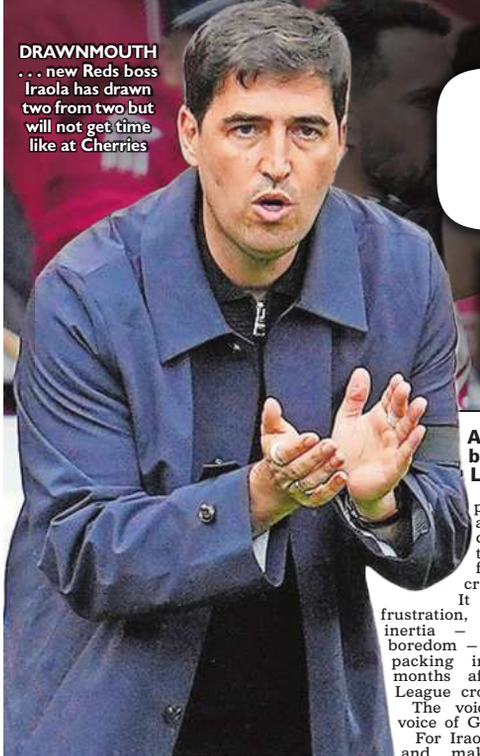
REDS SITUATION SO DELICATE FOR IRAOLA



DRAWNMOUTH . . . new Reds boss Iraola has drawn two from two but will not get time like at Cherries

ANDONI IRAOLA is a breath of fresh air at Liverpool.

The Spaniard's attacking philosophy alongside his adventurous instinct are designed to blow away the cobwebs left hanging from the corners and crevices around Anfield.

It was that sense of frustration, a feeling of drift and inertia — of something akin to boredom — that saw Arne Slot sent packing in the summer just 12 months after lifting the Premier League crown.

The voice of the people is the voice of God. And the people spoke.

For Iraola, though, pretty football and making Liverpool fun to watch again will not be enough.

Yes, the fans want to see a team that takes the game to the opponent, reminiscent of the early days of Jurgen Klopp, after two seasons of "control" under Slot.

But two Prem titles this decade have restored the expectations.

It is not sufficient to merely compete. Liverpool are supposed to win.

Hence those mutterings of discontent after a second successive 2-2 draw to start the season.

Better than some, of course. Yet not what Anfield anticipated.

The worry for plenty of Reds supporters is that potentially spending the thick end of £200m on a couple of wingers before the transfer window shuts tonight will only expose frailties elsewhere.

While Liverpool appear to have changed their stance on selling Cody Gakpo, another wide signing in addition to the £123m deal for Bradley Barcola should not be ruled out by the 11pm deadline.

Replenishment and refreshment, on top of last summer's record-breaking £400m-plus outlay, to bolster Iraola's squad.

A squad that may be resistant to the change Iraola represents — making the next few weeks vital.

You don't appoint Iraola unless you want to play Iraola football.

High intensity, winning the ball back, open and ambitious.

The football that made Bournemouth arguably the most entertaining side in the Premier League over the past two seasons.

Yet Bournemouth fans accepted the trade-off — that defeats happen and that the open approach could turn games into a coin-toss.

They relished the wins far more than they rued the setbacks.

Qualifying for Europe for the first time last term was a massive achievement. It meant as much to the players as the supporters. A fitting final chapter for Iraola's reign.

Liverpool is a different animal, in every way. There is no leeway.

Draws are viewed almost as defeats that earn a point. Back-to-back losses and major questions get asked.

Even after two games, it seems the new boss is harbouring doubts about some of those he has inherited.

Faith in full-backs Milos Kerkez and Jeremie Frimpong was in short supply last season. Nothing the fans have seen so far has altered that.

Yet if the answer on the right is once again utilising Dominik Szoboszlai in that role, it will suggest Iraola has found himself pondering the same problems without a real solution.

Ryan Gravenberch's absence from the team that started at home against Forest on Saturday was a big call.

Iraola needs players who buy into what he wants.

While Gravenberch did get the final 20 minutes, sending on 19-year-old Trey Nyoni — prepared to do as instructed — indicated concerns over his side's legs, athleticism and application.

Then, of course, there is Alexander Isak *(above)*.

The Swede's back-post strike to level at 1-1 against Forest was welcome and he is still feeling his way back from last term's broken leg.

Yet Isak's prowess at Newcastle was as the cutting edge of a counter-attacking side which fed on exploiting the spaces behind pushed-up defences.

His main success did not come against the low-block set-up that Liverpool will face on a weekly basis.

Isak must be able to adapt and change, including showing a willingness to force turnovers when Iraola's side are not in possession.

But that will only happen if there is a collective embrace of the manager's approach. Without it, vulnerability.

Like a chain, a football team is only as strong as its weakest link. No matter how good the manager is.

RE-BOURN

LIVERPOOL fans after a fast start under boss Andoni Iraola won't be thrilled with his opening league record at Bournemouth.

IRAOLA AT BOURNEMOUTH

2023 First 9 Prem games

Aug 12	West Ham (h)	D 1-1
Aug 19	Liverpool (a)	L 3-1
Aug 26	Tottenham (h)	L 2-0
Sep 2	Brentford (a)	D 2-2
Sep 17	Chelsea (h)	D 0-0
Sep 24	Brighton (a)	L 3-1
Sep 30	Arsenal (h)	L 4-0
Oct 7	Everton (a)	L 3-0
Oct 21	Wolves (h)	L 2-1

IRAOLA AT LIVERPOOL

2026 First 2 Prem games

Aug 23	Newcastle (a)	D 2-2
Aug 29	Nottm Forest (h)	D 2-2

DE ZERBI . . . huge challenge

Rob's in De mire

TOTTENHAM fans have vented their spleen at owners Enic enough over the past few years.

But Roberto De Zerbi will have no excuses if he cannot get a tune out of the most expensively acquired squad in the history of the club.

De Zerbi's biggest test, though, may be putting some backbone in his players, including the new recruits.

Two games into the new season and they are still just as weak when something goes against them as they were for most of last term.

Physios no show

THEY have become the Prem's invisible men.

You couldn't watch a game over the past few years without seeing the physio trotting on, three or four times a match, whenever a player went down.

This season, so far, and I'm not sure one has been spotted.

Amazing what a law change, mandating at least 60 seconds off the pitch for any player who requires treatment, can do.

Or is it just a sign that they were all faking it in the past?

Cheers, Joe...oh!

WELL, there you go. England's seamers were unstoppable on another bowler-friendly track and Pakistan were blown away once again.

Good for Ollie Robinson, sure. And for returning skipper Joe Root.

Maybe not for Test cricket, though.

Still, we can be sure this time that Root's side won't have celebrated with an all-nighter in a local boozer. Can't we?

TRANSFER WINDOW SLAMS SHUT AT 11pm TONIGHT

Munoz just Glas all over

By JAKE SANDERS

DANIEL MUNOZ has reunited with former boss Oliver Glasner at Nottingham Forest — after completing a £22million move from Crystal Palace.

The flying right wing-back played more than 100 games for the Eagles after his January 2024 arrival.

All but one was under Glasner as he won the FA Cup and Conference League.

The Colombian, 31, has signed a three-year deal at the City Ground.

Munoz *(right)* said: "Forest have great players, great quality and great skills on the pitch. We're going to do great things.

"This is a winning club. When this is the expectation, the mentality — for the management, technical team and the players — makes it special.

"The club has fought hard in recent years, getting to the Europa League semi-final and has greater objectives for the future. This is what I like about Forest — and why I decided to come."

NEWS TICKER

CRYSTAL PALACE will sign defender Honest Ahanor on loan – once his £40million move from Atalanta to Chelsea is sealed.

The Italian centre-back, 18, will officially become a Blues player in June 2027 but will spend this season at Selhurst Park ahead of a permanent switch to Stamford Bridge.

MILLWALL are demanding £15million from Brighton for winger Femi Azeez.

The Seagulls had two bids snubbed for the 25-year-old Nigeria international, the latest being £12m.

Wrexham are keen on Azeez, signed for £1m from Reading in 2024. He has two years left on his deal.

WILFRIED GNONTO is to have a medical today at Fiorentina ahead of a season loan deal – but will only sign if Leeds get a replacement.

The Italian winger, 22, who joined Leeds in 2022 from Swiss side FC Zurich, would have his full wages covered by the Serie A side in a contract that includes a buy option.

CONOR COADY is looking for a new club after his Wrexham contract was ended by mutual agreement.

The former England defender, 33, was signed from Leicester for £2million last year.

He was in the final 12 months of his deal and the Welsh side want Burnley's Joe Worrall to fill the void.

WEST HAM landed Norway Under-21 winger Edvin Austbo from Viking FK for £18million.

The 21-year-old penned a four-year deal and said: "The talks with Nuno Espirito Santo were amazing and I felt this was a good match."

Boss Nuno also fancies Nottingham Forest defender Morato, 25, on loan.

MIDDLESBROUGH now have FOUR Americans in their squad after signing midfielder Rokas Pukstas, 22.

But they offloaded Ivorian midfielder Abdoulaye Kante, 21, to Saudi outfit Al-Ettifaq for £3.75million.

Midfielder HAMZA CHOUDHURY, 28, has joined Sheffield United on a one-year deal from Leicester.

MUDRYK'S SPURFECT

RDZ bags Myk & Tosin

TOTTENHAM have agreed moves for TWO Chelsea stars as they gear up for a crazy deadline day.

By TOM BARCLAY

The North Londoners look like missing out on Everton forward Iliman Ndiaye, who is set to join Manchester City.

They have instead sorted a loan deal for winger Mykhailo Mudryk.

And Spurs have also agreed a permanent switch for Blues' 28-year-old centre-back Tosin Adarabioyo.

They want him to replace Kevin Danso, who has agreed to join Sunderland.

And Richarlison's proposed move back to Everton is in doubt after he released a bombshell statement, hinting he will stay at Tottenham.

Mudryk, free to play again after his drugs suspension, has a good relationship with Spurs boss Roberto De Zerbi, having worked under him at Shakhtar Donetsk.

De Zerbi has previously described him as "like a son". Chelsea beat Arsenal to sign the Ukrainian wideman in an £88million deal in 2023.

Mudryk, 25, was banned by the FA for violating anti-doping rules after an adverse finding for meldonium in October 2024.

He got a four-year ban but the case was resolved in July this year and he was cleared to play.

Tottenham moved for Mudryk after City hijacked their deal for Ndiaye – with another target for both clubs, Cody Gakpo, now likely to stay at Liverpool.

Forward Richarlison, who joined Spurs in a £60million deal from the Toffees in 2022, had appeared to be returning to Merseyside.

But he posted online: "No one will ever again decide my future.

"I've been through a lot of bad things and almost all of them happened because of decisions made by other people. Pressure, threats, retaliation, none of that scares me. I hope they treat my situation with the same respect that I have always had for Spurs and for all the people who worked with me during this period. Just don't try to decide for me.

"If they reach an agreement between Spurs and Everton, I'm going back to my beloved team.

"My intention was indeed to return to the place where I was very happy, but the negotiations were the way people wanted them, and it won't be that way anymore.

"I have a contract with Spurs and I will be available to the club."

However, De Zerbi has said Richarlison, 29, told him he wanted to leave.

Spurs midfielder Pape Matar Sarr, 23, is close to a loan to Juventus, who have a £25.7m option to buy.

Winger Mikey Moore, 20, switched to Cologne and left-back Souza, 19, joined Porto, while defender Kota Takai, 21, moved to Belgians Sint-Truidense VV, all in loan deals.

BLUES 'N TWOS . . . Mudryk and Tosin (right) look to be on their way to Spurs

JESUS . . . arrives in Spain

Gab's a Gonner

By JOSHUA HALL

GABRIEL JESUS landed in Barcelona to complete his £8.5million move to the LaLiga giants.

The Brazilian striker, 29, is leaving champions Arsenal following four injury-hit years.

He will pen a two-year deal after completing his medical in Spain.

Jesus scored 32 goals in 123 games for the Gunners but fell down the pecking order and was left out of training last week due to "numbers in the squad".

Arsenal hoped to get around £20m for the ex-Manchester City man but had to settle for less with just 12 months left on his contract.

Fab for Brobbey

SUNDERLAND hitman Brian Brobbey is in talks over a switch to Como.

The Serie A side, managed by Cesc Fabregas, have tracked the Dutch striker, 24, for a year.

He got seven Prem goals in his debut season with the Black Cats.

Como, who are in the Champions League this season, hope to conclude a deal before tonight's 7pm Italian deadline.

Hull Tim it right

HULL plan to sign Everton ace Tim Iroegbunam.

The unbeaten Prem new-boys have agreed to pay the Toffees an initial £12.9million up front for the midfielder with a further £10.3m in add-ons.

Iroegbunam, 23, is set to undergo a medical before completing his switch from David Moyes' men to the MKM Stadium before tonight's 11pm cut-off.

BALOGUN . . . USA star

BALO AGAIN

EVERTON are closing in on the striker at the centre of the World Cup's biggest storm.

By MARTIN LIPTON

The Toffees look set to complete a £40million swoop for Monaco's ex-Arsenal frontman Folarin Balogun.

In July the USA-born Londoner had his one-match ban for a red card against Bosnia suspended by Fifa following President Donald Trump's intervention.

That cleared Balogun to face Belgium in the tournament's last 16.

The Red Devils threatened legal action against the USA team and Fifa, but went on to win 4-1.

Balogun, 25, is now Merseyside-bound in a move that could end the prospects of Richarlison, 29, returning after four years at Tottenham.

Everton will free up space by selling Guinea-Bissau striker Beto, 28, to Fiorentina for £14.6m.

FLEMMING . . . gong

Flemming's Dutch 'n go

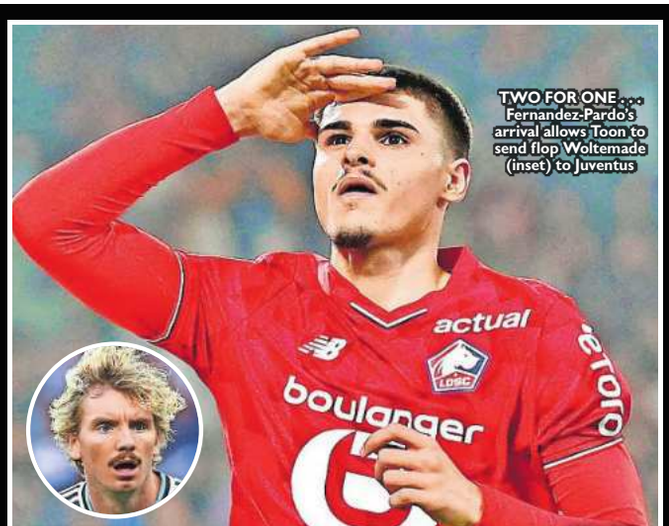
IPSWICH want a deadline-day deal for Burnley striker Zian Flemming.

The Tractor Boys have made a £17million offer for the Dutchman and negotiations are advancing.

Flemming, 28, is proven in English football with 29 goals in two seasons at the Clarets and 23 for Millwall.

His double bagged Burnley a 2-2 draw with West Ham in this season's Championship opener — and saw Flemming named man of the match.

Ipswich have backed new boss Gary O'Neil with £170m-plus of signings on their return to the Premier League.



TWO FOR ONE . . . Fernandez-Pardo's arrival allows Toon to send flop Woltemade (inset) to Juventus

Toon roll welcome Mat out

ACE PARDO FLIES IN

MATIAS FERNANDEZ-PARDO has flown into Newcastle to finalise his £51.3million move from Lille.

By GARY STONEHOUSE

The arrival of the forward, 21, has also given the green light for Toon flop Nick Woltemade to join Juventus for a £3.5m loan fee – but with no obligation to buy.

Newcastle sporting director Ross Wilson finally reached an agreement with French side Lille for his top target yesterday.

SunSport understands the Geordies will pay the £51.3m initial fee plus performance related add-ons for Fernandez-Pardo, who will sign a five-year contract.

The Belgium World Cup player is comfortable on either wing or as a No10.

His signing will allow club-record £69m buy Woltemade to swap the black and white of the Magpies for Juve.

The German international forward, 24, has struggled since his move from Stuttgart 12 months ago. He has agreed personal terms with the Serie A giants, who want him as a replacement for Atletico Madrid-bound Jonathan David.

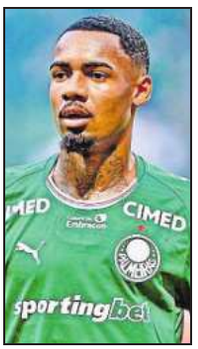
New St James' Park boss Matthias Jaissle wants to keep Jacob Murphy and Joe Willock amid interest from Nottingham Forest and Besiktas respectively.

Forest officials have contacted Newcastle over the possibility of signing right-winger Murphy, 31.

He is Toon's longest-serving player after joining from Norwich for £12m in July 2017 and has entered the final 12 months of his contract.

Murphy could leave for nothing next year but Jaissle does not want to lose his experience and leadership from his youthful squad rebuild.

Midfielder Willock, 27, is also in the last year of his deal and unless a replacement is signed, he looks set to stay on Tyneside.



ALLAN . . . easy decision

ALLAN KEY

MANCHESTER CITY clinched the signing of Brazilian star Allan for £34million.

By JAKE SANDERS

The winger, 22, is a replacement for Savio, who joined Tottenham for an initial £75m last week, and arrives on a five-year deal from Palmeiras.

Allan has nine goals in 96 games in Brazil and featured at the 2025 Club World Cup.

He said: "This is a surreal moment for me. With everything this club have won over the past 15 years, they are one of the world's most attractive clubs.

"I love Palmeiras and always will – but the decision to come to City was an easy one."

City winger Jeremy Monga, 17, is set to complete a season-long loan move to Swansea – two months after arriving in a £12.5m deal from Leicester.

KOP BARCOLA

From Back Page

Liverpool's interest in me, I didn't ask questions because I knew it was a very big club.

"I hope to achieve very big things. First of all, winning the Premier League – it's one of my biggest dreams in my life.

"It is to do that and to stay in this team in the long term – that's why I signed a long contract.

"I had the chance to play twice in this stadium and I saw the atmosphere and how the fans were behind the Liverpool players."

Liverpool had been chasing Barcola all summer and eventually coughed up after PSG agreed to knock a chunk off their initial £145m asking price.

He is a back-to-back Champions League winner and scored 39 goals in 153 games for the French giants. Barcola will wear the No29 shirt at Anfield.

He could make his debut when the Reds visit Ipswich in the Prem on Friday as they look to build on a sluggish start to the campaign that has brought two points from their two games so far.

The France star's last appearance came in the World Cup third-place play-off against England on July 18.

Despite Barcola's arrival, Dutch winger Cody Gakpo *(left)* will not leave Liverpool this summer after City's offer of £80m including £5m in add-ons was turned down.

The Reds have targeted Crystal Palace forward Ismaila Sarr, who the Eagles value at £75m, while two bids for Brighton's Yankuba Minteh were knocked back earlier in the window.

Liverpool star Harvey Elliott, 23, is in talks with LaLiga outfit Valencia over a season-long loan move.

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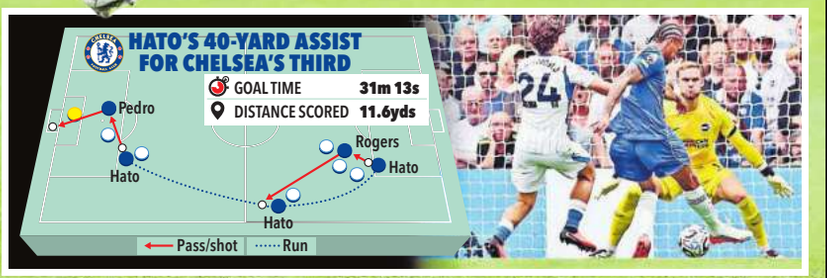
PREM BLUES DEFENCE CALL

Can't keep pulling a rabbit out the Hato

FOUR-MIDABLE . . . Hato (right) and Morgan Rogers hail Cole Palmer after his strike made it 4-2



JORREL: WE WANT TO WIN 4-0 NOT 4-3

JORREL HATO knows Chelsea need to tighten up in defence.

By **DAN KING**

But the Dutchman is backing the Blues' flying front three to outscore anyone – even champions Arsenal when they clash on Sunday.

Hato, who teed up Joao Pedro for Chelsea's third after the half-hour mark in the 4-3 win over Brighton, said: "It was crazy. We scored a lot of goals, but we conceded three. That is something we can work on.

"It still matters, because we want to win four-zero, not four-three.

"However, if you concede three and score four, you actually did a good job in winning the game. So I'm happy about that."

Hato, 20, was happy with his assist, too.

Asked to play in a less familiar role as a left wing-back, he pumped his fists in delight after running on to Morgan Rogers' pass, sprinting from his own half and crossing for striker Pedro to make it 3-0. But Brighton fought back to 3-2 and it took a goal from Cole Palmer to settle the Stamford Bridge nerves as he, Rogers and Pedro *(below)* all delivered with top displays again.

The trio bagged a goal apiece in Chelsea's 3-2 victory over Fulham last Monday.

And asked to compare them to the firepower of Prem rivals, Hato said: "They are right up there. We'll see at the end of the season who's the best.

"They can find each other really well. They have a great connection.

"There's a lot of movement. It's very important to have those guys up front."

Hato arrived from Ajax a year ago having spent time playing as an orthodox left-back and a left-sided centre-half.

Although Chelsea experimented a few times with three at the back under Liam Rosenior and interim boss Callum McFarlane, the Dutchman is entering unfamiliar territory playing as a wing-back in new boss Xabi Alonso's 3-4-2-1 system.

Hato said: "It's nice. I'm getting into positions where I never came. It's still adjusting but I think I did a good job, and against Fulham as well.

"We can play in multiple positions, but for me it doesn't matter where I play.

"I think everyone knows his role really well. And I think we improved every day to become better and better."

Chelsea had just 25.6 per cent possession against the Seagulls.

Alonso dismissed the significance of that statistic and Hato agrees the most important numbers were on the scoreboard. He said: "In this game there were maybe too many moments that Brighton had the ball, but I don't think they were very dangerous. So for us, it really doesn't matter.

"We know when we get the ball we are very dangerous up front.

"And if you score three goals in 20 minutes, you are very happy."

Chelsea hit Alonso's target of three wins from three games in the first week of the season, with a Carabao Cup victory over League One Luton sandwiched between Prem success at Fulham and over Brighton.

But Arsenal, with their strong defence and attacking options, will present a new level of challenge at the Emirates next weekend.

Surely Hato cannot expect to concede three goals there and still win?

He said: "We'll see. We try to improve to not concede three goals.

"We know we are very dangerous and that we will score goals.

"I think playing against Arsenal is a good test."

MESSI . . . Qatar 2022 king

TIME

From Back Page

thinking about it a lot, I want to tell everyone that I'm retiring from the national team.

"It was a decision that hurt and still hurts deep inside but I understand this is the right moment.

"I swear I always gave everything, not only in these last few years when we won everything, but before that too.

"I always fought and gave everything for this shirt, to bring you happiness and make you feel proud to be Argentine through football."

Barcelona legend Messi — who now plays for MLS side Inter Miami — hit 125 goals in 207 caps for the "Albiceleste".

That included 21 in 34 World Cup appearances.

He dragged his nation to back-to-back Copa America titles in 2021 and 2024 — then helped them lift the World Cup in Qatar in 2022, the nation's first since 1986.

The Rosario-born star, also an Olympic champion in 2008, added: "There isn't much time left and different chapters are coming to an end.

"I wrote these words on July 21, two days after the final. Today, after what happened with my dad, I'm even more convinced of this decision.

"I love, I loved, and I will always love being part of the national team.

"I gave everything I had, and I don't have anything more to give.

"Also, there are great young players coming through.

"Thank you for all the love over these 20 years.

"I leave with peace and pride, knowing together with my team-mates we gave you moments we once dreamed of.

"It was crazy to experience all of this with you. I love you!"

MESSI'S RECORD FOR ARGENTINA

Debut: Aug 17, 2005 - v Hungary

GAMES	MINS PLD	GOALS
207	17,110	125
ASSISTS	**HAT-TRICKS**	**RED CARDS**
60	11	2

HONOURS

World Cup	Copa America	Finalissima
2022	2021, 2024	2022

MOST INTERNATIONAL GOALS

Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)	146
Lionel Messi (Argentina)	125
Ali Daei (Iran)	108

PREM GRADUATE TO MASTER

MAINOO HAPPY RETURNS

Kobbie back to keep Utd's home fires burning

JUST THE KOBBIE . . . Mainoo pulls the strings on his return to United's line-up against Ipswich

TOP MARC . . . Rashford is back in favour at his boyhood club

IT was at Tottenham last season that Manchester United's only academy matchday squad inclusion was Jack Fletcher.

The teenager had not yet played for the first team but his presence last November extended United's run of including a youth product on the team-sheet to 4,333 games.

Former boss Ruben Amorim promised to never break a sequence dating back to October 1937.

And he was more committed to bringing through young prospects than he was given credit for – handing debuts to Fletcher, Shea Lacey, Harry Amass, Tyler Fredricson and Bendito Mantato.

But all that is overshadowed by Amorim's mismanagement of Kobbie Mainoo.

Had injury not ruled him out of that match at Spurs, he would have only made the bench as the academy kid.

Yet United's recent resurgence has not just coincided with Michael Carrick becoming boss – even if Sunday's 5-2 win over Ipswich, featuring Bruno Fernandes' hat-trick, was his 13th victory in 19 games.

Mainoo's influence has also been huge since his first start for eight months in January's Manchester derby – which City lost 2-0.

No blame can be attached to him for Carrick's three defeats so far.

He came off before Newcastle's winner in March, was out injured for a 2-1 defeat at Leeds and Hull were already 2-0 up when he came on as a 67th-minute sub earlier this month.

Whenever Mainoo is not there, United suffer.

That fact is recognised in the chant to the Billy Ocean song Love Really Hurts Without You, which echoed across the Stretford End for much of Sunday's second half: "Mainoo, United can't play without you.

"United can't play without you.

"And it's breaking my heart when you don't start.

"Mainoo, United can't play without you."

Mainoo's shimmy and fleet of foot to play Matheus Cunha in for United's penalty was a highlight of a dazzling performance that left his manager struggling to answer what the 21-year-old can improve.

Carrick replied: "On today's performance, not much, really!

"I thought he was pretty much all-around very, very good for a first start back."

Mainoo had a frustrating World Cup, not playing a minute of football.

And having returned to Carrington late he was hardly part of pre-season – so Youri Tielemans and Andrey Santos started ahead of him in the season-opener at Hull.

Carrick admitted: "We managed Kobbie as we've got good midfielders, so it's trying to make the best of the combinations.

"Bruno deserves the credit for his performance against Ipswich but Kobbie was immense for us in the middle of the pitch and underpinned the team's performance."

Mainoo fully justified his selection in place of Santos as he drew fouls, won duels, dictated the tempo and opened up the Ipswich defence with line-breaking passes. Team-mate Harry Maguire said: "Kobbie is becoming a real **MONSTER** in there. That's credit to Michael and his staff.

"Kobbie was brilliant. To think he hasn't played for I don't know how long and didn't really get many minutes in pre-season, he was magnificent.

"He's really level-headed, really composed, has great belief in his ability and is going to be a magnificent player for this club for many, many years."

Mainoo was not the only academy talent to start on Sunday as Marcus Rashford – also frozen out by Amorim – made a first United Prem start for 21 months.

Carrick's history with Rashford, 28, has made his reintegration into the United fold serene.

Throughout loan spells with Aston Villa and Barcelona, Rashford has kept allies in the dressing room and on the coaching staff at his boyhood club.

The most important of those is his manager, who hailed the forward as "like a new signing".

Carrick said: "He's making the most of the opportunity to be here.

"He's one of our own. He's living his dream, playing here now and trying to be successful and win."

And Maguire added: "He's a great talent. You can see he's always a threat.

"If we keep him fit, we keep him happy, he stays driven and hungry, he is a great asset to have."

Mainoo and Rashford deserved their standing ovations as they came off with ten minutes left.

And that academy record is now 4,363 games and counting.

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST
MAN UNITED CORRESPONDENT

MAN U RECORD WITH MAINOO UNDER CARRICK

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FERNANDES . . . treble

Bruno in Fer a big payday

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

MANCHESTER UNITED are prepared to make Bruno Fernandes their best-paid player.

Fernandes scored a hat-trick in Sunday's 5-2 win over Ipswich four days after picking up the PFA Player of the Year award.

The 31-year-old's contract is up at the end of this season, although the club have the option of an additional 12 months.

But United are set to offer the Portuguese around £350,000 a week to extend his contract by a year.

Fernandes inked new terms at United in 2022 and 2024 and he now earns around £300,000 a week.

But he has a compelling case to become United's highest earner after claiming the Football Writers' Player of the Year accolade and an unprecedented fifth Sir Matt Busby Player of the Year award in May.

Fernandes also set a new record for assists in a Premier League campaign in 2025-26 as United rose to third and qualified for the Champions League.

All this after the club were set to sell Fernandes to Saudi side Al Nassr for £80million a year ago only for Ruben Amorim to block the captain's move.

United moved earlier this year to prevent any attempts to prise Fernandes away.

Last November, Fernandes indicated that he was open to returning to Portugal or moving to Italy in the latter years of his career in an interview last November — which was considered an opening salvo ahead of contract talks.

United have introduced a more disciplined salary structure but there is an acknowledgement that Fernandes should be fairly remunerated.

Marcus Rashford is United's highest earner on £325,000 a week but he has spent 18 months out on loan at Aston Villa and Barcelona.

Fernandes has scored 110 goals in 329 games for United since signing from Sporting Lisbon in January 2020.

CAMARA . . . targeted

CITY

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on the valuation of Argentina's World Cup star Fernandez, who was available for £120m — with a strict instalment schedule — until August 14.

But Chelsea are now holding out for a bigger fee, believed to be north of £130m, and negotiations are likely to go down to the wire ahead of tonight's 11pm transfer deadline.

Some sources believe it is possible no deal will be struck in time.

The Blues have lined up Monaco's Senegalese star Lamine Camara and Roma's French ace Manu Kone as potential replacements for Fernandez.

But moves will only be made if talks progress quickly enough for them to sell and buy.

City moved swiftly to hijack Tottenham's pursuit of Ndiaye, 26, after ending their interest in Gakpo, who is set to stay at Anfield.

Etihad bosses had offered Liverpool a £75m fee up front, plus £5m in add-ons for the Holland international.

But when Anfield chiefs turned it down, City renewed their interest in France-born Senegal international Ndiaye. The news was a big blow to Spurs, who had expected the ex-Sheffield United player to arrive for a medical.

Tottenham had also been pursuing Gakpo, 27, to fill their left-wing slot and be the final piece in a mega £400m summer spending spree.

Now they are looking at the cut-price option of signing winger Mykhailo Mudryk, 25, on loan from Chelsea.

Spurs boss Roberto De Zerbi worked with Mudryk at Shakhtar Donetsk and expressed support for him during his ban for failing a drugs test.

After Tottenham's pre-season friendly with Chelsea in Sydney, De Zerbi described the Ukraine international as "my son".

Blues keeper Roberto Sanchez, 28, is set to join Italian side Como on loan.

The Spaniard started last month's 3-2 opening-day win at Fulham but he was at fault for both goals, which led to Chelsea signing Emiliano Martinez from Aston Villa.

Como are managed by ex-Chelsea star Cesc Fabregas and Sanchez could face Manchester United in next month's Champions League match.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

ASTON

Gunner be all tight!

BACKLINE KEY TO TITLE DEFENCE

NO GIFT GAB . . . Suzuki flaps at cross but Gabriel can't head in

FLIER . . . Villa new boy Jackson is fouled by Cristhian Mosquera

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Arsenal	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Hull	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Chelsea	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
Brentford	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Newcastle	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Everton	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Leeds	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Brighton	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
Man Utd	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
Sunderland	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Ipswich	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Liverpool	2	0	2	0	4	4	2
Bournemouth	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Nottm Forest	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Fulham	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Coventry	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Crystal Palace	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Aston Villa	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Tottenham	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

5 ARSENAL have won their first away games in the last five Prem seasons, also keeping a clean sheet each time — 2022 C Palace 2-0; 2023 C Palace 1-0; 2024 Aston Villa 2-0; 2025 Man Utd 1-0; 2026 Aston Villa 1-0.

250 GUNNERS manager Mikel Arteta became the second man to both play (284) and manage (250) at least 250 Premier League games, along with Mark Hughes (played 297, managed 466).

VILLA 0 ARSENAL 1

SAKA 59

By CHARLIE WYETT

MIKEL ARTETA will look to bring in another attacker today but if his team keep defending like this, he should not have the hump with sporting director Andrea Berta.

Arsenal are once again favourites to retain the Premier League title for a very obvious reason.

And it is not because their front three strikes fear into the rest of Europe.

It was their defence, rather than the attack, which was a key reason behind the Gunners winning their first title for 22 years last term.

After the 3-0 win over Manchester City in the Community Shield and victory by the same scoreline against Coventry in their Prem opener, the North Londoners bagged another clean sheet at Villa Park.

Against a typically well-drilled Unai Emery team – who looked much more organised compared to the 4-0 loss to Brighton in their first game – Arsenal held firm, with Bukayo Saka scoring the winner.

Saka does not score enough goals for a player of his talent, for club or country. He managed just seven in the Prem last term but his close-range strike just before the hour made it two in two this term.

Ideally, Arteta needs to bring in another offensive player, particularly after selling both Leandro Trossard and Gabriel Martinelli.

They have certainly spent nearly £200million well, including on three players who featured at Villa Park.

Bruno Guimaraes, who arrived as a second-half sub for his Premier League debut, looks certain to improve the midfield after his £75m move from Newcastle.

Defender Ezri Konsa, signed from Villa for £51m, received a mixed reception from the home crowd when replacing Cristhian Mosquera after the break, and is also a great arrival.

Christos Tzolis, a £34m signing, enjoyed a bright start for Arsenal both in pre-season and the first couple of games.

However, here he looked more like the player who struggled at Norwich and he was substituted at half-time for Eberechi Eze.

Eze, ironically, was substituted at half-time of the 2-1 loss to Villa here last season but he played a part in the winner and he will remain an option out left if Arteta does not get his wish for another big-money star.

As for Villa, they have been incredibly busy and it will take time for new signings to make their mark.

There was a debut for Nicolas Jackson, who joined from Chelsea in a £65m deal, but he has to prove he is an upgrade on Ollie Watkins.

And Villa's other new arrival who started was keeper Zion Suzuki, a £25.7m signing from Italians Parma, who has replaced Emi Martinez. He will have to do a bit better at corners than his first effort when he made a complete mess of a Declan Rice set-piece but Gabriel failed to take advantage.

Equally, new signings Alejandro Garnacho and Aaron Wan-Bissaka arrived in the second half as subs but could not help Villa from suffering a second successive defeat.

This was the first competitive game at Villa Park since Emery's team won the Europa League final, although that does seem an extremely long time ago, particularly after a World Cup and the most bonkers transfer window of all time.

Remarkably, six of the starting XI from that night in Istanbul are no longer at the club in a major revamp which, make no mistake, has been instigated with the full blessing of Emery. Still, this was hardly a classic. With Villa Park currently opening only three sides with the North Stand being rebuilt, there were a few builders acting as ballboys behind the goal but they did not have much to do.

Emi Buendia, who scored the 95th-minute winner against Arsenal last December, saw a shot smash against the bar. Had that shot gone in there would have been uproar, unless VAR had intervened, as Boubacar Kamara did seem to foul Tzolis.

For the second half, it was not a huge surprise that Arteta acted, with Eze coming on.

And in their first attack, helped by Ross Barkley initially giving the ball away, Arsenal thought they had been awarded a penalty.

Yet while Ian Maatsen's clumsy challenge on Saka was definitely a foul, VAR spotted it happened just outside the area. Martin Odegaard's subsequent free-kick was just wide.

Yet Villa refused to heed the warning and they were soon undone by a decent move by Arsenal, although Victor Lindelof could have done better by blocking the cross from Riccardo Calafiori.

Mosquera started the move with a fantastic pass to Eze and, once Calafiori delivered the cross, Saka was in a perfect position to beat Maatsen to the ball and tuck it in.

Villa pushed for an equaliser but Arsenal's defence held strong in the eight minutes of stoppage time.

At last week's PFA awards, the Premier League team of the season included Arsenal keeper David Raya and defenders Gabriel, William Saliba and Jurrien Timber.

There is an obvious reason for that and it looks as though they will be equally as mean this season.

PEN 'N STINK . . . Saka is fouled but the VAR ruled that it was outside the box

HOW THEY LINED UP

ASTON VILLA: Suzuki, Cash (Wan-Bassaka 78), Lindelof, Torres, Maatsen, Kamara, Hemmings (Alysson 71), McGinn, Barkley (Garnacho 78), Buendia, Jackson (Abraham 71).

ARSENAL: Raya, White, Mosquera (Konsa 79), Gabriel, Calafiori, Lewis-Skelly (Guimaraes 71), Rice (Zubimendi 85), Saka, Odegaard (Merino 71), Tzolis (Eze 46), Havertz.

MATCH STATS

ASTON VILLA		ARSENAL
7	SHOTS	7
0	SHOTS ON TARGET	2
39%	POSSESSION	61%
337	PASSES	527
272	COMPLETED PASSES	462
17	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	21
2	CORNERS	4
17	FOULS CONCEDED	6
3/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0
	MATCH TIME: 100m 40s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 58m 23s	

VILLA KILLER . . . Bukayo Saka stabs in Arsenal's winner

0 ASTON VILLA in 2026-27 are only the second team on record since 2003-04 to fail to have a shot on target in their first two PL games in a season (also Swansea in 17-18).

NEXT GAMES

SAT 5.30PM Premier League Hull City (away)

SUN 4.30PM Premier League Chelsea (home)

KONSA . . . booed

SAKA

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come and earn three points. We deserved it. We had a great performance.

"The finishers came in and did a magnificent job.

"I know how tough it is to win here. Every big team has struggled against them."

Saka's second-half strike marked the first time he has netted in back-to-back league games since November 2024.

His goal came from a Riccardo Calafiori cross, who registered his second assist in as many games.

Saka added: "The full-backs give us a lot, especially for us wingers when things are compact.

"They open up the game and they've always got composure in the box."

Summer signing Ezri Konsa made his debut for Arsenal against former club Villa, just over a week after his £51million transfer to North London.

The England defender was booed every time he touched the ball as Villa fans vented frustrations at a mass summer exodus.

Christos Tzolis was taken off at half-time after a quiet first 45 for Arsenal.

And with the Gunners set to lose Gabriel Martinelli ahead of tonight's transfer deadline, Arteta is keen to bag a late arrival.

The Spaniard said: "I've been disconnected, with my focus on the match, but I will get back on it now."

Villa have lost both of their Prem games without a shot on target, never mind a goal.

Boss Unai Emery said: "We didn't achieve the result, it's painful.

"But how we played and competed, that is the way we want to build again."

Got rivals Malicked

By JOSHUA HALL

ARSENAL are considering a move for Lyon winger Malick Fofana.

The Prem champs want attacking reinforcements before tonight's 11pm transfer deadline.

And Gunners chiefs are mulling a late move for the 21-year-old Belgian.

They have sold Leandro Trossard to Besiktas for £17million, while Gabriel Martinelli is set to join Al-Hilal for £60m.

The Emirates side spent much of the summer trying to lure Real Madrid superstar Vinicius Jr to North London and are also pursuing Atletico striker Julian Alvarez.

Fofana, whose contract runs until 2028, scored just two goals in 16 games for French side Lyon last term.

The former Gent ace has matched that tally already across six games in Ligue 1 and Champions League qualifiers this season.

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BUK OF THE NET . . . Saka celebrates his winning goal with Ben White and Kai Havertz

NO PEN? NO PROB FOR SAKA

Aston Villa.....0
Arsenal.....1

By JOSHUA HALL

BUKAYO SAKA hit the winner for Arsenal — four minutes after being denied a penalty.

The England star was pulled down by Aston Villa's Ian Maatsen and ref Jarred Gillett awarded a spot-kick, only for VAR to rule it was outside the box.

But Saka tapped home just before the hour mark to make it two wins out of two for the Premier League champions – and they are also yet to concede.

Saka said: "One goal is normally enough for us because we're so solid at the back.

"It's not easy coming here, they made it hard for us. It feels even better to come out with the win."

This match marked 250 games in charge for Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta *(above)* and he said: "It's a massive win. It's a tough place to

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GOOD BUY

Kop bag Barcola

By CHARLIE GORDON

BRADLEY BARCOLA finally sealed his £123million move to Liverpool.

The Paris Saint-Germain winger's initial fee is £106m — with £17m in add-ons.

It is the second biggest deal in Prem history behind new team-mate Alexander Isak's £130m move from Newcastle last summer.

Barcola *(above)*, 23, said: "When I knew about

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GOODBYE

Time's up for Messi

By MARTIN LIPTON

LIONEL MESSI confirmed he has retired from international football.

The Argentina icon, 39, told his team-mates the news after the World Cup final loss to Spain.

But he opted to wait on an announcement following the death of his father Jorge on August 8.

Messi *(above)* yesterday said: "After all this time since the final, and after

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ETIHAD CHIEFS' LATE SWOOP

£200m

City line up Enzo and Ndiaye in double deadline-day deal

FER TRADE . . . Enzo Fernandez and Iliman Ndiaye (right) are on City's shopping list

MANCHESTER CITY are gearing up for a £200MILLION double deadline-day swoop for Enzo Fernandez and Iliman Ndiaye.

By DAN KING and KATHERINE WALSH

Etihad chiefs are finally engaged in club-to-club talks with Chelsea over midfielder Fernandez, 25.

And City are also confident of beating Tottenham to the signing of £65m Everton forward Ndiaye – after Liverpool rejected their £80m bid for attacker Cody Gakpo.

It is understood City and the Blues remain quite a distance apart

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Shout out to Silent

SILENT BEAUTY put in a Champion performance to grab Listed glory.

The Amo Racing-owned daughter of Night Of Thunder made her first start since contesting the Albany at Royal Ascot a winning one in the Ripon Champion Two Yrs Old Trophy under David Egan (*right*).

And, on the back of her impressive three-length success, a return to Group races now beckon. Trainer Kevin Philippart De Foy said: "She probably handled the conditions better than most of them, but she was an impressive winner on similar ground at Yarmouth first time.

By GRAHAM CLARK

"You can draw a line through Royal Ascot as it was a bit too much for her early in her career.

"She isn't in the Cheveley Park, but we'll look at Group races over six or seven furlongs where there's cut in the ground."

NIEL NEXT UP FOR BIG BEN

BENVENUTO CELLINI is ready to put his Arc credentials to the test in the Prix Niel at Longchamp on Sunday. The Aidan O'Brien-trained colt, winner of the Irish Derby, will return from a midsummer break following his third place to Kalpana and Calandagan in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

Aid's off the pace

AIDAN O'BRIEN is sure Constitution River can put the "complete mess" of the Juddmonte International behind him in the Irish Champion Stakes on Sunday week.

The colt had been faultless this season until the highly anticipated clash with Ombudsman at York turned into a damp squib as both big guns were upstaged, and O'Brien (*right*) blames himself for Constitution River's defeat.

"I have to accept responsibility because I put in the pacemaker that wasn't good enough," he said. "Constitution River ended up a bit too forward because there wasn't enough pace in front of him . . . it was all just a complete mess."

O'Brien has raised the possibility of supplementing a more suitable pacemaker should he feel the need to do so for the Leopardstown Group 1.

By PETER GOMM

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By GRAHAM CLARK

BIG-time Billy Loughnane will bid to leave his rivals with a Hill to climb when going in pursuit of glory at Kempton Park.

The in-demand 20-year-old has been snapped up by trainer Nicky Henderson to ride Constitution Hill, who is one of 14 horses entered in the Group 3 September Stakes on Saturday.

And while it will represent a change of jockey for the nine-year-old, who has been ridden by Oisin Murphy and Ryan Moore on his two previous Flat starts, Hendo reckons the Classic-winning rider is the perfect replacement.

Hendo said: "Ryan Moore is in America and Oisin rides another one in the race. I've watched Billy all summer and he seems to ride pretty well!

"There are lots of people that could have ridden him as the shortlist was a long-list, but it was about who was available, and Billy was. He has shown plenty of times how talented he is.

"He will be the

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KING CON . . . Constitution Hill will be partnered by Billy Loughnane (*left*) in the September Stakes at Kempton Park on Saturday

THRILL BILL

Nicky gets his man for Con at Kempton

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2.50..............Storm Force
3.20.........................Reader
3.50...................No Return
4.20............... Hope Rising
4.55........ Musical Soldier
5.25...................Balon D'or

TOM PEPPER
2.20........................Alazwar
2.50.......Gold Star Gazing
3.20 NOTHING BUT LOVE (nap)
3.50....... Fletcher's Flight
4.20............. La Peregrina
4.55..... Ahead Of Fashion
5.25.............Far Too Fizzy

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Watson 43-294, S Dow 38-351, C Johnston 34-242, James Owen 33-177. THIS SEASON: James Owen 15, C Johnston 7, A Watson 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): P Bradley 50-460, C Shepherd 41-291, T Marquand 36-246, K O'Neill 32-451. THIS SEASON: J Callan 12, P Bradley 10, T Marquand 7. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: No Return (3.50) trained at Middleham. Round trip of 540 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

2.20 SKY SPORTS RACING AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (Class 6); winner £3,080; 1m 2f. (10 runners)
1 (8) 2003324 **BOWNDER 8 (CD)** J Portman 4-11-2 .... **Mr Frederick Tett ●99**
2 (4) 2357113 **DIVOT 18 (D)** W Knight 4-11-2 .... **Mr Henry Callan 98**
3 (2) 3462556 **KURIOS LADY 22** M Madgwick 4-11-1 .... **Mr Fletcher Yarham 90**
4 (10) 41-8004 **NORFLONDONFOREVER 26** F Bramley 5-11-0 .... **Mr James Hills (5) 92**
5 (9) -372309 **IMPERIAL DECISION 20** Kieran Burke 4-10-13 .... **Mr Louis Burke (7) 86**
6 (7) 0290021 **ALAZWAR 35 (D)** A Watson 8-10-10 .... **Miss Brodie Hampson 97**
7 (3) 8654-04 **WARRNAMBOOL 12 (V)** N Littmoden 4-10-3 .... **Miss Grace Littmoden (5) 92**
8 (5) 3452431 **WRIST ART 9** J Owen 9-10-3(4ex) .... **Miss Ruby Criscuolo (5) 96**
9 (1) 6532546 **LITTLE SHE 9 (P★)** M Tregoning 4-9-13 .... **Miss Alice Tregoning (5) 88**
10 (6) 03U6545 **THE PUG 9 (B;CD)** O Murphy 6-9-11 .... **Miss Jemima Stewart (7) 89**

BETTING: 9-4 Divot, 7-2 Wrist Art, 11-2 Alazwar, 15-2 Bownder, 10 Warrnambool, Norflondonforever, Little She, 14 Kurios Lady
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.50 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 NOVICE STAKES (4); value to the winner £5,400; 6f. (4 runners)
1 (2) 3-1 **STORM FORCE 16 (D)** R & P Fahey 3-9-11 .... **James Doyle ●99**
2 (1) 9 **BLAZING GADEN 16** D Jeffreys 5-9-6 .... **Dougie Costello 70**
3 (3) 33-35 **GOLD STAR GAZING 61 (V★;BF)** J Fanshawe 3-9-4 .... **Kaiya Fraser 98**
4 (4) 24-2275 **FRANTIC 59 (BF)** E Walker 3-8-13 .... **Tom Marquand 97**

BETTING: 10-11 Storm Force, 9-4 Frantic, 5-2 Gold Star Gazing, 66 Blazing Gaden
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.20 DALY ACCOUNTING RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (4); winner £5,400; 7f. (7 runners)
1 (1) 542 **NOTHING BUT LOVE 26 (H)** J Scargill 4-9-6 .... **Callum Hutchinson 97**
2 (2) 8764990 **MIRAFLORES 14** R Cook & J Bridger 4-9-4 .... **Taylor Fisher 78**
3 (7) 4720594 **DUSK DAMSEL 15** J Moore 3-9-2 .... **Millie Wonnacott (5) 96**
4 (6) 0 **AU POINT 15** M Bell 3-9-0 .... **Callum Shepherd 70**
5 (3) 64 **FOR EVER HOPEFULL 40** J Jenkins 3-9-0 .... **Jonny Peate 96**
6 (5) 94 **GARTH SPIRIT 38 (V★)** R Llewellyn 3-9-0 .... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) 72**
7 (4) 28-33 **READER 11 (P★)** M Tregoning 3-9-0 .... **Rob Hornby ●99**

BETTING: 11-8 Reader, 9-4 Nothing But Love, 9-2 For Ever Hopefull, 11-2 Dusk Damsel, 14 Miraflores, 20 Au Point, 33 Garth Spirit
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Ribenska 3-9-0 Harry Davies 1-16 Fav (C Fellowes) drawn 3, 3 ran.

3.50 TIPS FOR EVERY RACE AT RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP (6); winner £3,245; 5f. (6 runners)
1 (2) 7467667 **DONTSPOILSASALE 12 (D)** J & S Best 6-9-9 .... **Tom Queally 86**
2 (6) 7844557 **NO RETURN 15** C Johnston 4-9-8 .... **Callum Shepherd 95**
3 (3) 3203610 **ELVETHAM 19 (B;BF,C)** C Allen 4-9-6 .... **Tom Marquand 97**
4 (4) 46-U417 **FLETCHER'S FLIGHT 78 (D)** C Wallis 6-9-4 .... **Rob Hornby 96**
5 (1) 4364360 **MART 12 (B★;C,D)** D Donovan 5-8-9 .... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) ●99**
6 (5) /0684-5 **LOCHABER 7 (B;D)** S Dixon 5-8-4 .... **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 87**

BETTING: 5-2 Elvetham, 4 Mart, Fletcher's Flight, 5 Dontspoilsasale, 6 No Return, 7 Lochaber
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Mick's Spirit 7-9-7 Darragh Keenan 14-1 (C Allen) drawn 6, 9 ran.

LONG SHOT
FIRST FOLIO (4.13 Ripon) has come right down the weights and showed a bit of promise at Newmarket last time out. This is an open race and can he make the frame.

4.20 FREE BETS ON ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £3,978; 1m 5f. (5 runners)
1 (3) 60/4111 **HOPE RISING 14** J Snowden 5-9-12 .... **Rob Hornby ●99**
2 (1) 8-83644 **PERCY JONES 14** M Loughnane 7-9-12 .... **Paddy Bradley 92**
3 (5) -550221 **LA PEREGRINA 31** E Walker 3-9-7 .... **Tom Marquand 97**
4 (2) 580-915 **CELESTARAK 54 (H;BF)** D Menuisier 3-9-5 .... **Mason Paetel (3) 88**
5 (4) 4-2263 **ST HILDA 13** M Tregoning 3-9-4 .... **Dougie Costello 91**

BETTING: 11-10 Hope Rising, 11-8 La Peregrina, 10 St Hilda, 16 Celestarak
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Surrey Fire 4-9-10 Kieran Shoemark 2-1 Fav (H Morrison) drawn 1, 7 ran.

4.55 MO'S MILE HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; value to the winner £3,245; 1m. (5 runners)
1 (5) 2022111 **MUSICAL SOLDIER 7 (C)** O Sangster 9-11(6ex) .... **Sean D Bowen ●99**
2 (1) 5-27460 **PARANJAPE 12** S Woods 9-9 .... **Jack Callan 90**
3 (2) 059 **HEIR OF AMBITION 50** H Eustace 9-6 .... **Kaiya Fraser 85**
4 (4) -772456 **AHEAD OF FASHION 16** D F Davis 9-4 .... **Rob Hornby 95**
5 (3) 72-6784 **LAUGHTERINTHERAIN 28** E Walker 9-4 .... **Tom Marquand 88**

BETTING: 4-6 Musical Soldier, 9-2 Ahead Of Fashion, 11-2 Laughterintherain, 12 Paranjape, Heir Of Ambition
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1
2025: Harryella 9-9 Oisin Murphy 6-5 Fav (J Fanshawe) drawn 2, 12 ran.

5.25 RACING PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATING 10 YEARS HANDICAP (6); winner £3,245; 6f. (8 runners)
1 (7) -187044 **HORACE WALLACE 24 (V★;D)** R & P Fahey 3-9-10 .... **John Egan 93**
2 (1) 351-986 **SARAFINA MSHAIRI 26 (D)** E Smyth-Osbourne 4-9-9 .... **Rob Hornby 86**
3 (6) 1735402 **FAR TOO FIZZY 17 (CD)** D Loughnane 3-9-9 .... **Laura Pearson 97**
4 (5) -142388 **PHOENIX MOON 40 (CD)** D Coakley 5-9-8 .... **Tom Marquand 90**
5 (3) -764841 **BALON D'OR 14 (CD)** S Dow 5-9-8 .... **Paddy Bradley ●99**
6 (8) 16-5544 **BESSIE WALLIS 15 (H;C)** M Attwater 3-9-7 .... **Kieren Fox 86**
7 (2) 6532732 **LAHINA BAY 19 (CD)** R Cook & J Bridger 6-9-4 .... **Taylor Fisher 94**
8 (4) 1062445 **MISTER MOET 12 (CD)** S Dixon 3-9-1 .... **Callum Shepherd 93**

BETTING: 11-4 Balon D'or, 3 Far Too Fizzy, 7-2 Lahina Bay, 15-2 Horace Wallace, 11 Phoenix Moon, Mister Moet, Sarafina Mshairi, 14 Bessie Wallis
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Hockney 3-9-8 Pierre Jamin 2-1 Fav (T Dascombe) drawn 2, 9 ran.

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2.30..... The Captains Day
3.00.........................Tourin
3.30..................Motta Alta
4.00.............Tax Me Later
4.30...............Navajo Point
5.00 BUNDLE OF INTEREST (nap)
5.32....Bartholomew (nb)

TOM PEPPER
2.00..............Zenith Blaze
2.30...................Drumbeat
3.00...... Starborn Legend
3.30.................Snow Light
4.00..........Star Of Beauty
4.30..........Medieval Night
5.00...........Majestic King
5.32.................. Banbridge

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed oval, undulating course of 1m 3f with a 3f run-in and a uphill finish. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J P O'Brien 49-329, J P Murtagh 34-187, J Harrington 27-223, A P O'Brien 25-106. THIS SEASON: J P O'Brien 18, J P Murtagh 4, A McGuinness 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): W J Lee 35-246, C T Keane 34-262, B M Coen 33-243, S Foley 28-268. THIS SEASON: J M Sheridan 11, W J Lee 8, D McDonogh 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Roderick (4.30) trained at Donegal. Round trip of 392 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: A P O'Brien the 2.30 in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2024. J P O'Brien won the 5.32 in 2022 and 2024. J Harrington won the 5.00 in 2024 and 2025. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

★ **KA YING RISING, the world's best sprinter and unbeaten in 20 starts, geared up for his return with a barrier trial at Sha Tin.**
He is set for his first run of the year in the Chief Executive's Cup Handicap on Sunday.
Trainer David Hayes said: "I think he's in the right head space and ready to run a race.
"You spell the horses trying to make them bigger and stronger, especially if they're a sprinter, and he's bigger and stronger than he's ever been.
"So, I think we have another season of him improving."
Hayes has said it is still unlikely his star will head to Royal Ascot next summer.

2.00 FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €13,200; 7f. (16 runners)
1 (16) **ACQUILYX** J Murphy 9-2 .... **J Sheridan**
2 (18) 535 **ALPINE WEDDING 18** P Twomey 9-2 .... **W Lee**
3 (19) **ATLANTIC ROSE** W McCreery 9-2 .... **D McDonogh**
4 (14) **CURRACLOE** J Murtagh 9-2 .... **B Coen**
5 (10) **EVIE'S DELIGHT** M Mulvany 9-2 .... **W Joyce (3)**
6 (11) **ITA FLORENCE** J Bolger 9-2 .... **J Heffernan**
7 (3) **LADY CHANCALOT** J Davison 9-2 .... **J Ryan**
8 (9) 4 **MALA 19** J Harrington 9-2 .... **S Foley**
9 (17) **MOTHER'S CALL** J Barrett 9-2 .... **L McAteer**
10 (15) 0 **POPPED 23** D O'Brien 9-2 .... **G Ryan**
11 (6) 46 **SISTER NANCY 61** D McLoughlin 9-2 .... **J Powell**
12 (2) 526 **SNOWING 23 (BF)** A P O'Brien 9-2 .... **W Lordan**
13 (7) 0 **SOCIAL CIRCLE 65** D O'Brien 9-2 .... **C Hayes**
14 (8) 90 **WECOULDAVEHADITALL 9** D McLoughlin 9-2 .... **N Crosse**
15 (13) **ZELENTE** R O'Sullivan 9-2 .... **D O'Connor**
16 (5) 2 **ZENITH BLAZE 12** J O'Brien 9-2 .... **C Keane**
17 (1) 86 **OCEAN SURGE 18** W McCreery 9-2 .... **RESERVE**
18 (4) 0 **YOUVEONLYONEMOTHER 17** P Flynn 9-2 .... **RESERVE**
19 (12) 506 **ROMANCE 12 (T★)** J Halley 9-2 .... **RESERVE**
Alpine Wedding ●99, Zenith Blaze 98, Snowing 92.
11-10 Zenith Blaze, 10-3 Alpine Wedding, 11-2 Snowing

2.30 MAIDEN STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €13,200; 7f. (16 runners)
1 (11) 76 **BOLD MOVE 47** D O'Brien 9-5 .... **G Ryan**
2 (13) 6 **CAPABILITY BROWN 50** A P O'Brien 9-5 .... **J Cleary (5)**
3 (18) 07 **CLOSEFIELD BEAU 20** D McLoughlin 9-5 .... **N Crosse**
4 (9) 8 **CONSENZA 23** N Meade 9-5 .... **W Lee**
5 (12) **DAWNMORE** J Bolger 9-5 .... **J Heffernan**
6 (14) 63 **DRUMBEAT 26** A P O'Brien 9-5 .... **W Lordan**
7 (1) 54 **EQUUS VICTOR 17** D Murphy 9-5 .... **B Coen**
8 (2) **FORTHETHRILLOFIT** D O'Brien 9-5 .... **P Harnett (3)**
9 (5) **HOW NOW** C Maxwell 9-5 .... **J Ryan**
10 (17) **INVINCIBLE MIND** J O'Brien 9-5 .... **J Sheridan**
11 (10) 00 **KING PADDY 17** P Flynn 9-5 .... **L Roche**
12 (6) 65 **LAMAR RIVER 158** D O'Sullivan 9-5 .... **S Foley**
13 (4) **POWER THROUGH** A Oliver 9-5 .... **G Carroll**
14 (7) 0 **SNAPEQUUS 20** J O'Brien 9-5 .... **D McDonogh**
15 (15) 4 **THE CAPTAINS DAY 23** M O'Callaghan 9-5 .... **C Keane**
16 (16) 9 **VERONA BASILICA 17** D O'Brien 9-5 .... **C Hayes**
17 (3) 99 **MOON SAND 3** J O'Brien 9-5 .... **RESERVE**
18 (8) 0 **DON'T GO MAD 9** R O'Sullivan 9-5 .... **RESERVE**
Drumbeat ●99, The Captains Day 92, Bold Move 87.
13-8 Drumbeat, 9-2 The Captains Day, 7 Equus Victor, 8 Bold Move

3.00 MAIDEN STAKES; winner €9,000; 7f. (16 runners)
1 (7) **BLUE VEGA** D O'Sullivan 3-9-8 .... **N Crosse**
2 (11) 69 **ELDORADO GLORY 12** N Meade 3-9-8 .... **A Caffrey**
3 (17) **ENIGMA CODE** J Murphy 3-9-8 .... **S Foley**
4 (16) 524 **HOLY LETTUCE 12 (P★)** K Condon 3-9-8 .... **W Lee**
5 (2) 0386 **KEOGIE 2** N Meade 3-9-8 .... **S Rutledge**
6 (9) 7 **MAC AN LUAIS 74** P Foley 3-9-8 .... **L McAteer**
7 (1) 0 **MR MERCURY 51** J Nash 3-9-8 .... **L Roche**
8 (5) 0 SAINT ACCLAIM 66 J Murtagh 3-9-8 .... non-runner
9 (4) 624 **STARBORN LEGEND 35 (BF)** J O'Brien 3-9-8 .... **J Sheridan**
10 (6) 69 **SWING STREET 14** R O'Brien 3-9-8 .... **S McCullagh**
11 (10) 3454 **HASITA 25** J Murtagh 3-9-3 .... **B Coen**
12 (13) 60 **MARDI GRAS QUEEN 29** J Stack 3-9-3 .... **J Heffernan**
13 (14) **MARKED BY THUNDER** J Murphy 3-9-3 .... **C Keane**
14 (8) -060 **SARFARCAT 35** T Coyle 3-9-3 .... **J Ryan**
15 (12) 3 **TOURIN 74** J Stack 3-9-3 .... **G Ryan**
16 (3) **TRIBAL BELLE** G O'Leary 3-9-3 .... **C Hayes**
17 (15) 3D-0 **PERFECT BASE 75 (B)** N Lupini 4-9-7 .... **RESERVE**
Starborn Legend ●99, Hasita 95, Holy Lettuce 91.
11-8 Starborn Legend, 9-2 Hasita, 5 Tourin, 11-2 Holy Lettuce, 7 Marked By Thunder, 12 Mac An Luais, Keogie, Enigma Code

3.30 HANDICAP; 3-y-o; winner €9,000; 7f. (12 runners)
1 (3) 621- **SNOW LIGHT 278 (D)** D Hogan 10-4 .... **J Sheridan**
2 (12) 2481 **LOHOOBB 20 (CD)** M Grassick 10-2 .... **W Lee**
3 (9) 613 **MOTTA ALTA 36 (D)** J Harrington 9-13 .... **S Foley**
4 (10) 243 **SOLANA BEACH 81** J Stack 9-12 .... **J Heffernan**
5 (11) -189 **STAR STREWN 130 (D)** C Farrell 9-10 .... **R Cleary**
6 (5) 2-63 **NINTH CRUSADE 12** M O'Callaghan 9-8 .... **C Keane**
7 (2) -447 **NAZARIO 23** J Murtagh 9-7 .... **B Coen**
8 (1) 0200 **VENETIAN STAR 14** P Foley 9-7 .... **L McAteer**
9 (8) 1-42 **FRIENDLY INVOICE 200 (BF)** C Maxwell 9-4 .... **R Whearty**
10 (4) 9378 **GIRL BEAR 36** J Foley 9-2 .... **L Roche**
11 (6) 4908 **CLADACH 10** J O'Brien 8-13 .... **D McDonogh**
12 (7) 5450 **GLASARMI 10** R Devine 8-11 .... **G Ryan**
Motta Alta ●99, Solana Beach 98, Lohoobb 97.
3 Lohoobb, 5 Motta Alta, 11-2 Ninth Crusade, Solana Beach, 7 Snow Light, 8 Nazario, 10 Friendly Invoice, 12 Cladach

4.00 FILLIES CLAIMING STAKES; winner €6,000; 1m. (9 runners)
1 (5) 0-34 **QUINTA GIRL 74 (BF)** M O'Callaghan 3-9-11 .... **R Holohan (7)**
2 (4) 3 **TAX ME LATER 7** D McLoughlin 3-9-11 .... **N Crosse**
3 (7) 2366 **STAR OF BEAUTY 7 (V)** K Condon 3-9-7 .... **W Lee**
4 (6) 0000 **SALAMINA 7** J O'Brien 3-9-6 .... **D McDonogh**
5 (3) 2-00 **VLHOVA 35 (T★;D)** G O'Leary 4-9-6 .... **J Pietropaolo (7)**
6 (9) 6350 **UNA MATATA 67 (D)** A McGuinness 5-9-3 .... **A Caffrey**
7 (1) 2331 **PROFIT SURGE 25 (B;C)** I Donoghue 5-9-2 .... **C Keane**
8 (2) -066 **KEEP IT TOGETHER 17** D Buckley 8-9-1 .... **R Cleary**
9 (8) 2715 **MINAUN VIEW 5 (CD)** A McGuinness 4-9-1 .... **P McGettigan (5)**
Minaun View ●99, Una Matata 97, Profit Surge 98.
3 Profit Surge, 4 Minaun View, 9-2 Star Of Beauty, 5 Quinta Girl, 13-2 Tax Me Later, 7 Vlhova, 15-2 Una Matata, 33 Salamina

4.30 APPRENTICE HANDICAP; winner €6,000; 1m. (16 runners)
1 (2) -842 **NAVAJO POINT 17** M Hassett 4-10-2 .... **P Harnett**
2 (4) 0494 **SELECTIVE POWER 81 (D)** T Coyle 7-10-2 .... **J Kearney**
3 (7) 2520 **VOLENDAM 29 (H;D)** E Delany 4-10-2 .... **J O'Gorman (4)**
4 (15) 4762 **MEDIEVAL NIGHT 20 (B)** D Hogan 4-10-1 .... **R Holohan (4)**
5 (5) 0-00 **MAGS 83 (D)** I O'Connor 5-9-13 .... **J Pietropaolo (7)**
6 (8) 0210 **CARVALHAL 61 (D)** R Burns 5-9-12 .... **N Burns (2)**
7 (16) 8637 **LADY KELLY 62 (B)** J Murtagh 3-9-11 .... **P McGettigan (2)**
8 (3) 0-37 **LUST 75 (CD)** C Maxwell 8-9-9 .... **S Coen**
9 (1) 093/ **BRIGHT DICK 782 (D)** L Comer 6-9-7 .... **W Joyce**
10 (19) 1608 **REAL PETITE 43 (CD)** T Mullins 4-9-6 .... **J Dalton (7)**
11 (13) 5068 **TEMPTED ANGEL 172** M Fahey 3-9-6 .... **J Harnett (7)**
12 (14) 7042 **RODERICK 81 (D)** P Sweeney 10-9-4 .... **J Cleary**
13 (18) 1779 **SURVIVOR'S CODE 106 (C)** C Maxwell 3-9-1 .... **R Mulligan (2)**
14 (9) 9927 **MISS AMERICANA 81** C O'Brien 4-8-13 .... **K Kennedy**
15 (17) 0785 **RAMPAGE 7 (D)** T McCourt 7-8-12 .... **S Tormey (7)**
16 (6) 0397 **MASTER GARVEY 17 (B;D)** J Murray 6-8-10 .... **T Casey (7)**
17 (12) 7-07 **CROSSHAVEN 74** J Murphy 4-9-11 .... **RESERVE**
18 (10) -000 **LIMBOCALL 48 (P★)** M O'Callaghan 4-9-8 .... **RESERVE**
19 (11) 0980 **INCREDIBLE ARMY 38** J Foley 3-9-6 .... **RESERVE**
Medieval Night ●99, Navajo Point 98, Lady Kelly 97.
9-2 Medieval Night, 5 Navajo Point, 6 Roderick, 7 Selective Power, 8 Lady Kelly, Rampage, 10 Lust, Carvalhal, Miss Americana

5.00 HANDICAP; winner €7,200; 1m. (16 runners)
1 (1) -050 **BILL SILVERS 5 (V)** W Durkan 6-10-0 .... **C Hayes**
2 (13) 0779 **BUNDLE OF INTEREST 5 (V)** W McCreery 4-10-0 .... **S Coen (5)**
3 (7) 0700 **LAHORE DA KING 60 (D)** A Mullins 4-10-0 .... **I Khan (7)**
4 (19) 1307 **JAVA WOOD 33 (D)** K Smith 6-9-13 .... **W Joyce (3)**
5 (17) 2004 **MAJESTIC KING 49 (CD)** D Hogan 5-9-12 .... **J Sheridan**
6 (3) 0609 **NAVAGIO 31 (C,D)** C Murphy 7-9-10 .... **B Coen**
7 (18) 0-60 **RHYTHM KING 33 (C,D)** M Fahey 6-9-10 .... **R Holohan (7)**
8 (14) 7113 **SHE'S IDEAL 14 (BF,C)** A McGuinness 4-9-10 .... **A Caffrey**
9 (9) 8520 **GLORIOUSLY GLAM 31 (CD)** C O'Connell 4-9-9 .... **C Keane**
10 (11) 7-06 **GOOFY GANDER 83 (H)** J Harrington 3-9-9 .... **S Foley**
11 (16) -270 **YUTORI 23** D McLoughlin 4-9-9 .... **S McCullagh**
12 (5) 8050 **UNIDOS 10 (H★)** M Fahey 3-9-6 .... **G Ryan**
13 (6) 8707 **MR PERTH 32** M Grassick 3-9-5 .... **W Lee**
14 (15) 4500 **MERCILESS 155** J Halley 3-9-3 .... **A Slattery**
15 (2) 7556 **COSMIC FUNK 5** P Murphy 3-9-2 .... **L McAteer**
16 (8) 7100 **AURORA MIST 32 (CD)** A Slattery 3-9-1 .... **O Tynan (7)**
17 (12) 8420 **GREEN KITE 55** K Coleman 4-9-6 .... **RESERVE**
18 (10) 9001 **FAOLADH 31 (D)** A Slattery 4-10-1 .... **RESERVE**
19 (4) 4-43 **SUIR MONAD 31** A Slattery 3-9-10 .... **RESERVE**
Majestic King ●99, She's Ideal 98, Bundle Of Interest 97.
3 She's Ideal, 9-2 Majestic King, 7 Goofy Gander, Mr Perth, Cosmic Funk, 8 Bundle Of Interest, 14 Rhythm King, Java Wood, Bill Silvers

5.32 MAIDEN STAKES; winner €6,601; 1m 6f. (14 runners)
1 (8) **ANTRIM COAST J32** R Devine 8-9-9 .... **L McAteer**
2 (1) **BANBRIDGE J143** J O'Brien 10-9-9 .... **J Sheridan**
3 (3) 545- **BARTHOLOMEW J122** M Brassil 4-9-9 .... **W Lee**
4 (12) **DEE BEE ZED J59** T McCourt 5-9-9 .... **J Ryan**
5 (7) 5 **FIGERO J22** T Mullins 5-9-9 .... **S Foley**
6 (15) -224 **JOE COOL 73** N Meade 4-9-9 .... **C Keane**
7 (17) **NAVY GUITAR J325** D Dias 7-9-9 .... **G Ryan**
8 (13) 3 **PATH D'OROUX J31** G Cromwell 9-9-9 .... **G Carroll**
9 (16) **WESTERN FOLD J126** G Elliott 7-9-9 .... **C Hayes**
10 (5) **BALLYBAWN BELTER J32** L Doyle 8-9-4 .... **J Heffernan**
11 (9) 84 **FRAHER FIELD 19** J & T Kiely 6-9-4 .... **L Roche**
12 (2) 53 **KALEO AMETSA 17** J Halley 6-9-4 .... **A Slattery**
13 (14) 767 **RUN FOR MAHLER 19** C Byrnes 7-9-4 .... **A Caffrey**
14 (11) 5-0 **THISISTHEWAY J33** Y Latta 7-9-4 .... **B Coen**
15 (6) 007 **NOTHINGBUTADREAM 17 (H)** C Timmons 4-9-9 .... **RESERVE**
16 (4) 88 **GOODIE GIRL 19** D McLoughlin 8-9-4 .... **RESERVE**
17 (10) 0/ **SET TO WIN 818** L Comer 5-9-4 .... **RESERVE**
Joe Cool ●99, Bartholomew 97, Run For Mahler 95.
4 Bartholomew, 9-2 Joe Cool, 5 Western Fold, 6 Banbridge, 7 Kaleo Ametsa, 10 Path D'oroux, Thisistheway, 12 Figero

BRIGHTON

TEMPLEGATE
4.06.... My Mate Mackley
4.36..............Norfolk Blue
5.06.........Jenson Benson
5.40....................La Trinite
6.15..................King David
6.45........ Serenity Dream
7.15.... Diomed Spirit (nb)

TOM PEPPER
4.06................Havana Jag
4.36............Twilight Baby
5.06.. Makes Me Wonder
5.40....... Highland Harvey
6.15.. Shes Got The Blues
6.45...............Tattie Bogle
7.15...........Ancient Times

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed horseshoe-shaped course of 1m 4f, undulating and sharp, 3 1/2f run-in. ■DRAW: In sprint races low numbers tend to have an advantage over five furlongs, high best over six furlongs. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 71-576, G & J Moore 37-197, J Gallagher 19-146, E J-Houghton 19-87. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 10, G & J Moore 8, James Owen 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D Keenan 25-182, W Carson 22-192, Jack Doughty 21-141, S Osborne 19-101. THIS SEASON: W Carson 4, D Keenan 3, S Osborne 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Tattie Bogle (6.45) & Mr Cool (7.15) trained at Middleham. Round trip of 586 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT)

4.06 MATCHBOOK EXCHANGE HANDICAP (Class 5) 3-Y-O; winner £4,187; 5f (6 runners)
1 0-4202 **LONDON IS BLUE 17 (CD)**
(5) R Cowell 9-9 .... **Marco Ghiani 95**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £13,903
Last win came here, 8lb higher still, needs better than last two outings

2 -68255 **LOLEETA 24 (D)**
(1) S Williams 9-3 .... **Chloe Lyons (7) 89**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £10,766
Claimer jumps back on, best has come on AW, needs more in this

3 444233 **HAVANA JAG 27 (P★)**
(3) J Gallagher 8-9 .... **Liam Wright (3) 96**
Runs: 13 Places: 4 £10,516
Knocking at door for a while but yet to win, cheekpieces tried, in hunt

4 644283 **BEACH PARTEE 8 (V;C,D)**
(4) S Dixon 8-7 .... **Kieran O'Neill 97**
Runs: 25 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 3 £19,853
Better last time, solid enough for the level, course form to name, sniff

5 224213 **MY MATE MACKLEY 18 (D)**
(6) A Kirby 8-5 .... **Tyler Heard ●99**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (A,GS) Places: 4 £13,666
Been given a 7lb hike for recent outings, repeat and not far away here

6 67-652 **SHINING GUEST 27**
(2) G Margarson 8-4 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 98**
Runs: 5 Places: 1 £1,823
Better at Yarmouth but in weak heat, 3lb out of weights, can get in mix

BETTING: 11-4 Shining Guest, 7-2 My Mate Mackley, Beach Partee, 4 Havana Jag, 5 London Is Blue, 16 Loleeta
WHERE FAVES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

4.36 BET 20 GET 40 MATCHBOOK.COM RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (5); winner £4,187; 7f. (4 runners)
1 (1) -442525 **NORFOLK BLUE 24 (BF)** W Knight 3-9-7 .... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
2 (2) 04 **INSPECTRE 15** G & J Moore 3-9-5 .... **Darragh Keenan 96**
3 (3) 43 **MUCHACHO 75 (P★)** H Kobeissi 3-9-5 .... **Silvestre De Sousa 94**
4 (4) 9-83 **TWILIGHT BABY 44** G Kelleway 3-9-0 .... **Saffie Osborne 90**

BETTING: 11-10 Norfolk Blue, 3 Inspectre, 4 Muchacho, 5 Twilight Baby
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.06 MATCHBOOKLOVESRACING 'CONFINED' HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,454; 1m 2f. (10 runners)
1 (8) 4244-82 **MAKES ME WONDER 17** D Simcock 4-9-9 .... **Taryn Langley (5) ●99**
2 (2) 28465-2 **JENSON BENSON 31 (D)** S Lycett 8-9-6 .... **Gina Mangan 98**
3 (9) 17-6094 **QUITE SWEET 27** A Carroll 4-9-5 .... **William Carson 91**
4 (6) 4030-55 **SANGARA 8 (H)** S West 4-9-2 .... **George Bass 88**
5 (3) 0-0775 **DELEVINGNE DREAM 14** H Eustace 3-9-2 .... **George Wood 87**
6 (5) 0-84944 **OH SO AUDACIOUS 18 (C)** J Jones 7-9-0 .... **Saffie Osborne 96**
7 (4) 35-2746 **THUNDERING BREEZE 25** G & J Moore 5-9-0 .... **Finley Marsh 90**
8 (1) 5076446 **TWILIGHT GUEST 35 (CD)** G Margarson 6-9-0 .... **Silvestre De Sousa 94**
9 (10) 0-75438 **ALL ABOUT GEORGE 18 (V★)** Kieran Burke 4-9-0 .... **Josephine Gordon 97**
10 (7) -380579 **MARYLAND STAR 5 (H)** D Ivory 3-8-8 .... **Kieran O'Neill 83**

BETTING: 9-4 Jenson Benson, 7-2 Oh So Audacious, 9-2 Makes Me Wonder, 15-2 Thundering Breeze, 10 All About George, 12 Delevingne Dream, 16 Sangara
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.40 FOLLOW MATCHBOOK ON X HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,454; 1m 4f. (8 runners)
1 (7) 67-7B36 **GRETNA DREAMS 18 (C)** S Williams 4-9-9 .... **Harry Vigors (5) 83**
2 (8) 84/5-67 **BUG BOY 48 (CD)** A Newcombe 10-9-8 .... **Taryn Langley (5) 85**
3 (2) 8773217 **FOINIX 14 (B;CD)** J & S Best 6-9-6 .... **Finley Marsh 96**
4 (3) 3521333 **HIGHLAND HARVEY 9 (BF)** G Arnolda 4-9-6 .... **Darragh Keenan ●99**
5 (4) 5414614 **CLIPSHAM NOBLE 23 (C,D)** C Clover 4-9-5 .... **Liam Wright (3) 98**
6 (1) 669-233 **LA TRINITE 35** N King 4-9-2 .... **Charles Bishop 96**
7 (6) 7687852 **FITZMAURICE 25** A Carroll 4-9-0 .... **Silvestre De Sousa 91**
8 (5) 446 **WINSTON'S OATH 19 (B★)** J Owen 4-9-0 .... **George Wood 84**

BETTING: 11-4 Highland Harvey, 4 Clipsham Noble, 5 La Trinite, 11-2 Winston's Oath, 15-2 Gretna Dreams, 8 Fitzmaurice, Foinix, 16 Bug Boy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

6.15 DOWNLOAD THE MATCHBOOK APP HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,454; 1m. (9 runners)
1 (7) 6478952 **KING DAVID 8 (B)** G Kelleway 5-9-9 .... **Saffie Osborne ●99**
2 (8) 3541133 **SHES GOT THE BLUES 25 (BF,C)** A Carroll 3-9-6 .... **Silvestre De Sousa 97**
3 (4) -304317 **LETSBEATSEPSIS 18 (BF)** G & J Moore 4-9-6 .... **Rhys Clutterbuck 98**
4 (9) 9-0547 **AVISPADO 59 (H)** D Menuisier 3-9-5 .... **Jack Doughty 84**
5 (2) 4435360 **THE SPOTLIGHT KID 16 (B;D)** D Ivory 7-9-5 .... **Kieran O'Neill 88**
6 (6) 667-076 **JAMES PARK WOODS 80 (CD)** D F Davis 10-9-4 .... **Ben Ffrench-Davis (5) 83**
7 (1) 5759536 **TURPIN 14 (P★)** J Boyle 4-9-3 .... **Liam Wright (3) 96**
8 (3) 6354273 **RAINBOW SIGN 27 (CD)** M Pattinson 8-9-3 .... **Tyler Heard 97**
9 (5) 9880664 **ROCK MASTER 26** A Carroll 4-9-1 .... **Marco Ghiani 87**

BETTING: 11-4 King David, 7-2 Shes Got The Blues, 9-2 Letsbeatsepsis, 6 Rainbow Sign, 8 Turpin, 12 Avispado, 14 The Spotlight Kid, James Park Woods, 16 Rock Master
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

6.45 STREAMLINE SUPPORTS THE MARTLETS HOSPICE HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 7f. (6 runners)
1 (3) 3856211 **SERENITY DREAM 26 (CD)** A Carroll 5-10-0 .... **Jack Doughty ●99**
2 (2) 3113829 **DION BAKER 9 (CD)** M Wigham 7-9-13 .... **Darragh Keenan 97**
3 (4) 2127228 **TATTIE BOGLE 20 (D)** C Johnston 4-9-13 .... **Marco Ghiani 95**
4 (5) 2-83084 **SHAW PARK 14 (CD)** S Dixon 7-9-7 .... **Kieran O'Neill 88**
5 (1) -468154 **STATION BAR 28 (P★)** E J-Houghton 3-9-2 .... **Charles Bishop 92**
6 (6) 233-073 **FAI FAI 84 (BF)** D Steele 7-8-9 .... **Harry Vigors (5) 91**

BETTING: 6-4 Serenity Dream, 4 Dion Baker, 5 Tattie Bogle, 13-2 Station Bar, Fai Fai, 10 Shaw Park
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

7.15 STREAMLINE TAXIS - ALWAYS GOING THE DISTANCE HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 5f. (6 runners)
1 (6) 32226-6 **BONA FORTUNA 25 (C)** M Appleby 5-9-9 .... **Finley Marsh 93**
2 (4) 3523131 **MR COOL 10** C Johnston 4-9-5 .... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
3 (1) 00-0129 **ANCIENT TIMES 25 (D)** H Eustace 8-9-1 .... **George Wood 95**
4 (5) 54023/0 **CRYPTO QUEST 5 (D)** S Dixon 7-8-13 .... **Kieran O'Neill 81**
5 (3) 21200-6 **POP DANCER 27 (CD)** A Carroll 9-8-7 .... **Silvestre De Sousa 84**
6 (2) 6636212 **DIOMED SPIRIT 9 (CD)** C Gordon 6-8-6 .... **Saffie Osborne 98**

BETTING: 13-8 Diomed Spirit, 5-2 Mr Cool, 6 Bona Fortuna, 7 Crypto Quest, 15-2 Ancient Times, 12 Pop Dancer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 3 1
2025: Another Baar 5-10-0 Oisin McSweeney 4-11 Fav (A Keatley) drawn 3, 3 ran.

RIPON

TEMPLEGATE
2.10.......... His Finest Hour
2.40.... American Psycho
3.10.................Star People
3.40...............Yes I'm Mali
4.13...........Educating Rita
4.48.......................Bellasio
5.18..........Regally Blonde

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2.10.
2.40
3.10.
3.40
4.13.
4.48
5.18.

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Divot (Lingfie
(double, Brighton) with Sansanetti (
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Nothing Bu
Roman Crystal (Ripon).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: FARANDAWAY (4
THE JUDGE: YES I'M MALI (3.40 Ripon

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed oval track, 1m 5f in extent, w than 5f from the finish. ■DRAW: Low numbers favoured TRAINERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 69-613, D O'Mea P Midgley 14-128. THIS SEASON: T Easterby 11, ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Allan 43-306, D T Rodriguez 19-77. THIS SEASON: J Hart 7, Joanna Ma TRAVELLER: American Psycho (2.40) trained at Upp miles. ■TRAINERFAX: T Easterby won the 4.48 in 20 SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RAC

2.10 NAPOLEONS CASINO LEEDS (Class 5); winner £4,711; 1m
1 (2) 6311179 **POET'S DAWN 10 (CD)** T Easterby 11-
2 (7) 18-0434 **TRIPLE FORCE 66 (D)** C Lidster 5-9-1
3 (3) 2262-32 **HIS FINEST HOUR 17 (D)** T Jackson
4 (6) -051226 **YERMANTHERE 8 (CD)** T Easterby 8-
5 (4) 4350306 **NO KNEE NEVER 20** J Owen 5-9-9
6 (8) -353705 **DRAUPNIR 24** M & D Easterby 4-9-9
7 (1) 5766441 **COSMOS RAJ 10 (CD)** D O'Meara 8-9
8 (5) 973-980 **PRECIOUS SPARTAN 22 (C)** P Nevill

BETTING: 9-4 His Finest Hour, 10-3 Cosmos Raj, Triple Force, 10 No Knee Never, 16 Poet's Dawn, 20
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2-3-6 2
2025: Bay Dream Believer 6-9-0 Rhys Elliott 5-1

2.40 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EB 2-y-o; value to the winner £
1 (5) 274 **AMERICAN PSYCHO 38** A Watson 9-
2 (1) **CATAVEGA** M & D Easterby 9-7
3 (4) 55 **WALT 66** D Loughnane 9-7
4 (6) 54 **CLASSYFIED 8** T Easterby 9-2
5 (7) 2 **EMPRESS PRINCESS 19** J Tate 9-2
6 (3) **KUMHARAS** R & P Fahey 9-2
7 (2) 77 **THE RESDEV ROMAN 94** M & D East

BETTING: 7-4 Empress Princess, 5-2 Kumhara Classyfied, 16 The Resdev Roman, 25 Walt, Catave
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No co

3.10 21 ENGINEER REGIMENT SA 2-y-o; value to the winner £
1 (5) 4463118 **LADY DUBLIN 31** O Pears 9-9
2 (2) 05232 **STAR PEOPLE 12 (B;BF)** J & S Quinn
3 (4) 221 **LEXINGTON BOOM 20 (D)** G Tuer 9-6
4 (3) 65431 **ROMAN CRYSTAL 24** M & D Easterb
5 (6) 923106 **MAY BEE IN PROFIT 12 (D)** T Easter
6 (1) 44 **INCA WARRIOR 45** N Tinkler 9-2

BETTING: 13-8 Star People, 3 Lexington Boom, 7- 12 Inca Warrior, 16 May Bee In Profit
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 2 4 1
2025: Hanney Girl 9-9 David Allan 15-8 Fav (T E

3.40 YORKSHIRE GARDEN R (DIV 1) (4) win £6,281
1 022752 **YES I'M MALI**
(10) D O'Meara 4-10-1 . .
Runs: 29 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G)
Solid again last time, loks big threat o

2 5-3217 **TOP JUGGLE**
(6) S Spencer 4-9-13 . .
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (S,2G)
Not as good last time, fairly treated sti

3 12-374 **KIND TOUCH**
(5) R & P Fahey 3-9-12
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F)
Beaten 15-8 jolly latest, still early days,

4 461508 **REIGNING PR**
(8) R Carr 7-9-12. . . . .
Runs: 78 Wins: 10 (S,2F,2A,GS,
Back to scene of last win and only po

5 066240 **ARDUIS INVIC**
(9) C Lidster 3-9-10 . . .
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (F,GS)
Goodwood too much latest, solid pric

6 771680 **CHARLIE MA**
(4) A Carroll 5-9-8 . . . .
Runs: 55 Wins: 6 (2S,F,2A,G)
Lost way of late, soft ground would be

7 -45460 **ANAISA 17 (C**
(7) T Easterby 3-9-7. . .
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (2G)
Gone wrong way this season, poor he

8 865004 **SECRET GUE**
(3) B Smart 6-9-6. . . . .
Runs: 47 Wins: 5 (A,4G)
Looks on handy mark now, hinted at r

9 002226 **ANOTHER IN**
(1) N Tinkler 7-9-5 . . . .
Runs: 55 Wins: 3 (2F,G)
Below par at Carlisle, not easiest to w

10 433022 **SPIRIT OF AP**
(2) T Easterby 6-9-3. . .
Runs: 53 Wins: 5 (2F,2A,G)
Gone down fighting last twice, due a

BETTING: 2 Yes I'm Mali, 3 Spirit Of A Kind Touch, 12 Another Investment, 14 Rei
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1
2025: Mark's Choice 9-8-13, S James 9-

EACH-WAY T

ANOTHER INVESTMENT (3.40 Rip times in a row before missing the time. Have an each-way double with (5.06 Brighton) who looked very ru

S, FORM AND TIPS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

GOING: SOFT

TOM PEPPER

.....Triple Force
...Empress Princess
. Roman Crystal (nb)
....Spirit Of Applause
.....Goyard
.....Kiss Me My Love
..... Twilight Safari
eld) and Diomed Spirit
Wolverhampton).
ut Love (Lingfield) and

.13 Ripon).
n).

hich joins the straight course more
d on the sprint course. ■LEADING
ara 26-210, R & P Fahey 23-188,
M Walford 5, M & D Easterby 4.
udhope 26-91, J Hart 25-165, C
ason 6, Rhys Elliott 5. ■LONGEST
per Lambourn. Round trip of 422
018, 2021and 2025. ■FIRST RUN
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APPRENTICE HANDICAP
n 2f. (8 runners)

10-0.....Jake Dickson (5) 87
3.....Alex Jary 95
5-9-12.....Warren Fentiman ●99
9-11.....Rhys Elliott (3) 94
.....Seamus Cronin 91
.....Shay Farmer (3) 90
9-7.....Conor Whiteley (3) 97
e 4-9-1.....Cian Horgan (3) 83
5 Yermanthere, 6 Draupnir, 15-2
Precious Spartan

(M Walford) drawn 3, 6 ran.

BF NOVICE STAKES (4);
5,757; 5f. (7 runners)

7.....Pierre Jamin 96
.....Billy Garritty –
.....Rowan Scott 80
.....David Allan 90
.....Daniel Tudhope ●99
.....Oisin Orr –
terby 9-2.....Joanna Mason 75
as, 7-2 American Psycho, 13-2
ga
rresponding race.

PPER NURSERY (5);
4,711; 5f. (6 runners)

.....Harry Russell 95
n 9-8.....Jason Hart ●99
6.....Oliver Stammers 97
y 9-4.....Billy Garritty 96
by 9-4.....David Allan 86
.....Rowan Scott 87
2 Roman Crystal, 6 Lady Dublin,

asterby) drawn 3, 7 ran.

ACECOURSE HCAP
; 6f (10 runners)

4 (D)
....Daniel Tudhope 97
Places: 7 £105,602
n drop in class, one to watch

R 21 (BF,D)
..... Dale Swift 95
Places: 6 £31,965
ll, return to best and big threat

52 (BF,C)
..... Oisin Orr 90
Places: 1 £10,248
won on debut here, interesting

ROFIT 16 (C)
....James Sullivan 92
4G) Places: 14 £124,517
und higher, patchy profile, sniff

CTA 34
.....Tom Eaves 91
Places: 4 £31,812
r to that, e-way player again

SON 34 (D)
..Callum Rodriguez 88
Places: 21 £86,853
e welcome, needs more today

CD)
..... David Allan 86
Places: 2 £41,731
re latest when 50-1, best watched

ST 17 (D)
....Paul Mulrennan 90
Places: 13 £91,732
more last time, sneaky one

VESTMENT 21 (D)
..... Alex Jary (3) 94
Places: 13 £64,514
in with, could nick place again

PPLAUSE 10 (B;CD)
.....Sean Kirrane ●99
Places: 17 £81,111
win, handicapped to strike soon
Applause, 5 Top Juggler, 6
gning Profit, Secret Guest
3 6 3
2 (G Tutty), drw 9, 12 ran.

THIEF

on) went close three
break at Carlisle last
THUNDERING BREEZE
sty here on comeback.

4.13 YORKSHIRE GARDEN RACECOURSE HCAP (DIV 2) (4) win £6,281; 6f (10 runners)

1 666342 **ALMARADA PRINCE 39 (D)**
(1) P Midgley 5-10-0 ..... David Nolan 97
Runs: 29 Wins: 4 (2A,2G) Places: 7 £62,997
Knocking at door at York for a while, this looks bit easier, in hunt again

2 -87089 **VENTURE CAPITAL 31 (C,D)**
(5) K Ryan 5-9-13 ..... Shane Gray 84
Runs: 27 Wins: 5 (F,2A,2G) Places: 6 £98,591
Dropping down weights rate of knots, not showing signs of bounce back

3 5-3845 **GOYARD 21 (T★;CD)**
(4) D O'Meara 4-9-11 .....Daniel Tudhope 93
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 2 £13,957
Come down to nice mark, beaten jolly here in July, course form, sniff

4 41-045 **HERE FOREVER 57 (CD)**
(8) D & N Barron 3-9-10 ...Connor Beasley 96
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) £8,371
Solid effort in good race latest, mark looks fair, only win came here

5 121262 **FARANDAWAY 10 (BF,D)**
(9) G Tuer 4-9-8 .....Oliver Stammers ●99
Runs: 22 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 11 £34,848
Solid campaign so far, still capable from this mark, interesting again

6 -09509 **WOBWOBWOB 11 (B,T★;D)**
(6) A Keatley 8-9-7.....Mikey Sheehy 87
Runs: 56 Wins: 6 (2S,3GS,G) Places: 11 £134,117
Once smart but has lost way, new equipment today, will pop up soon

7 320055 **MISTER SOX 17 (B;CD)**
(2) T Easterby 6-9-6.....Sean Kirrane 98
Runs: 49 Wins: 6 (S,GS,4G) Places: 11 £72,820
Good run in Silver Cup here last time, course form, plenty to like here

8 600270 **FORTAMOUR 39 (CD)**
(7) B Haslam 10-9-6.....Paul Mulrennan 92
Runs: 71 Wins: 11 (2S,4A,5G) Places: 14 £117,379
One run of note lately came here, hard to trust but player with A-game

9 -46047 **FIRST FOLIO 17 (V;D)**
(10) J Camacho 8-9-5.....Ryan Sexton 85
Runs: 47 Wins: 4 (3F,G) Places: 7 £130,041
Nicely weighted now but for a reason, hard to fancy in current shape

10 30-030 **EDUCATING RITA 17 (D)**
(3) P Kirby 4-9-2.....Cam Hardie 86
Runs: 19 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 3 £23,758
Big run at 50-1 two back but that looks flash in pan, plenty to prove

BETTING: 11-4 Almarada Prince, 7-2 Farandaway, 6 Goyard, Mister Sox, 8 Venture Capital, Here Forever, 10 First Folio, 20 Fortamour, Wobwobwob, 33 Educating Rita
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: See Division 1.

4.48 ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,711; 1m. (13 runners)

1 (8) 3854233 **GARDEN OASIS 17 (B;CD)** T Easterby 11-10-0.....David Allan 98
2 (5) 9414449 **DONNA NOOK 18 (V;CD)** D O'Meara 4-10-0.....Daniel Tudhope ●99
3 (9) 782-521 **CATTON LADY 22 (D)** M & D Easterby 5-9-13.....Joanna Mason 97
4 (3) 2193013 **KISS ME MY LOVE 26 (D)** R Fell 4-9-11.....Kevin Stott 96
5 (1) -655210 **BELLASIO 42 (D)** G Tuer 5-9-8.....Oliver Stammers 93
6 (13) 0221727 **THORNABY ANNIE 34 (H;D)** A Nicholls 3-9-7.....Jack Nicholls (3) 90
7 (4) 423-795 **HOPEFUL JOY 57** M Walford 4-9-7.....Jack Garritty 87
8 (10) 7222684 **MILFORD GRANGE 24** M & D Easterby 3-9-5.....Billy Garritty 92
9 (11) -746126 **PARODA DIVA 22 (D)** P Neville 3-9-4.....Andrew Mullen 90
10 (7) 65-0040 **ZERMATT STAR 26 (P★)** T Coyle & K Wood 3-9-4.....David Nolan 87
11 (12) 447-09 **G'EMMETHEGREENLITE 13** S Spencer 3-9-4.....Dale Swift 83
12 (6) 9-21146 **GUNALT WAVELENGTH 38 (C)** M & D Easterby 3-9-3 ..Shay Farmer (5) 89
13 (2) 901383 **PENNY GHENT 34 (B;CD)** S Whitaker 6-9-2.....Rhys Elliott (5) 92
BETTING: 7-2 Catton Lady, 5 Garden Oasis, 11-2 Kiss Me My Love, 13-2 Donna Nook, 10 Paroda Diva, Milford Grange, Penny Ghent, 12 Bellasio, Gunalt Wavelength
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 4 3 1-6
2025: Thats My Boy Luke 4-9-11 David Allan 7-2 JtFav (T Easterby) drawn 6, 8 ran.

5.18 WAKEMAN STAYERS HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,664; 2m. (7 runners)

1 (6) 67-0342 **TWILIGHT SAFARI 39** M Hammond 4-10-2.....Aiden Brookes 93
2 (5) 38-6236 **ZIMMERMAN 85 (D)** T Easterby 7-10-0.....David Allan 87
3 (2) 102115- **BOLLIN NEIL J223 (BF,D)** T Easterby 10-9-12.....Jake Dickson (5) 90
4 (4) 23P-434 **DEREHAM 24 (D)** J Berry 10-9-5.....Molly Keegan-Price (7) 96
5 (7) 49-8521 **FEMME FATALE 24 (H;D)** J Tate 3-9-4.....non-runner 98
6 (3) 7563451 **REGALLY BLONDE 15 (B;CD)** B Case 7-9-4.....Jack Nicholls (3) ●99
7 (1) **696135 SI WHITE 24 (V★;BF)** Sir M Prescott 3-9-2.....Dylan Hogan 97
BETTING: 15-8 Si White, 7-2 Twilight Safari, 5 Regally Blonde, 8 Dereham, 12 Zimmerman, 14 Bollin Neil
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 2 1 5
2025: Regally Blonde 6-9-9 Jack Nicholls 4-1 (B Case) drawn 3, 7 ran.

TEMPLEGATE
RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

DIVOT can really fly in Lingfield's opener (2.20, nap).

Henry Callan is a winning machine at this level and comes here with a near 50% strike-rate this season. He takes over on William Knight's four-year-old who has been in form at Yarmouth with two wins and a third. He relishes this 1m2f trip and is well handicapped to strike in this grade.

DIOMED SPIRIT (7.15 Brighton, nb) has a fine record at this track where he won nicely two runs ago before going down in a photo last time out. He is probably best over this minimum and is ahead of the handicapper.

Divot to dig up a victory

SANSANETTI (8.30 Wolverhampton, treble) won four times last season and struck for the first time this term at Lingfield 17 days ago. She had plenty in hand crossing the line and can follow up.

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP
DIVOT
2.20 Lingfield
Likes this trip and jockey is hard to fault at this level.

★ TEMPLEGATE NB
DIOMED SPIRIT
7.15 Brighton
Loves this track and still well enough handicapped.

★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
SANSANETTI
8.30 Wolves
Regular winner last term and got back in front last time out.

RACING RESULTS

CHEPSTOW

1.45: 1 NAVAL COP A Redman (11-1); **2 Devon Angel** (10-3); **3 Crystal Kraken** (8-15 fav). 5 ran. nk; 4¼l. A Balding. T: £12; £3.40, £2.10. Ex: £39.50. Trifecta: £63.90. CF: £46.77. NR: Lion Of Persia.

2.20: 1 WASHINGTON ROYALE Ashley Lewis (2-1); **2 Texas Crown** (28-1); **3 Beechwood Glory** (8-1). 6 ran (lschgl 8-13 fav). 4½l; nk. M Appleby. T: £3; £1.30, £3.40. Ex: £25.10. Trifecta: £77.20. CF: £33.64. NR: Anna Belardo.

2.55: 1 KODICALL W Cox (12-1); **2 Lucky Radar** (9-1); **3 Persian Gate** (4-9 fav). 4 ran. hd; ns. J S Moore. T: £13; Ex: £34.30. Trifecta: £83.70. CF: £79.71. NR: Flag Of Nations, Perola.

3.30: 1 PRINCE ALI Zoe Lewis (10-1); **2 Escape Magic** (9-4 fav); **3 Blue Point Express** (16-1). 11 ran. 2½l; ½l. T Faulkner. T: £11; £2.80, £1.50, £2.80. Ex: £45. Tricast: £379.92. Trifecta: £400.70. CF: £32.95.

4.00: 1 A ROSE ADAAY B Ffrench-Davis (5-2); **2 Marisitta** (9-1); **3 Rovinia** (2-1 fav). 11 ran. 1½l; 1¼l. G Harris. T: £3.50; £2.80, £1.30, £1.70. Ex: £26. Tricast: £55.81. Trifecta: £97.30. CF: £26.05.

4.35: 1 THANOS L Edmunds (5-1); **2 Law Of Design** (28-1); **3 Scarfo** (40-1); **4 The Bureau Club** (11-1). 16 ran (Revelance 5-2 fav). 3½l; 1½l; ½l. Harry Charlton. T: £6; £1.50, £3.70, £6.10, £2.80. Ex: £88.80. Tricast: £5350.07. Trifecta: Not won. CF: £159.40. NR: Kodi Fire.

5.10: 1 LEVEL UP P Dobbs (5-2 jtfav); **2 Some Nightmare** (7-1); **3 Connie's Rose** (5-2 jtfav). 7 ran. ¾l; 5½l. P Evans. T: £4; £2.10, £2.60. Ex: £19.90. Trifecta: £73.40. CF: £21.50.

5.45: 1 ZAMBEZI MAGIC W Cox (20-1); **2 Meet Me In Meraki** (15-8 fav); **3 Staywitherjohnny** (4-1). 5 ran. nk; 1l. B J Llewellyn & Robert Williams. T: £22.80; £5.60, £1.40. Ex: £69.90. Trifecta: £188.80. CF: £58.06. NR: Stipulation.
PLACEPOT: £742.10 **QUADPOT:** £90.70

CARTMEL

2.35: 1 WICKSEY R McLernon (7-4); **2 Watcha Snoop** (12-1); **3 Jambearee** (22-1). 6 ran (Vietnorm 8-11 fav). 5l; 3¾l. B Haslam. T: £2.75; £1.10, £3.40. Ex: £20.30. Trifecta: £115.20. CF: £20.66. NR: Royal Baroness.

3.10: 1 RAUZAN Sean Quinlan (8-1); **2 Nottodaybobo** (10-1); **3 Secret Secret** (3-1). 8 ran (Handmedownastar 6-4 fav). 3½l; 6l. Lizzie Quinlan. T: £10.20; £2, £2.10, £1.40. Ex: £83.40. Tricast: £296.41. Trifecta: £242.50. CF: £82.64. NR: Big Gypsy King, Dinons, Dusky Days, Masterminding, Well Educated.

3.45: 1 DIVILABOTHER H Reed (4-1); **2 Kayf Dancer** (10-3 fav); **3 Al Sayah** (13-2). 7 ran. 2½l; 3½l. T Davidson. T: £5; £2.30, £2.30. Ex: £21. Trifecta: £76.90. CF: £17.69.

4.19: 1 TOMMIE BEAU B Macey (4-1); **2 Caughtinyourtrance** (15-8 fav); **3 Stratagem** (11-1). 5 ran. 1l; 1½l. Seamus Mullins. T: £5.40; £2, £1.50. Ex: £13.10. Trifecta: £60.80. CF: £12.52. NR: Breizh River, Tamarind Bay.

4.55: 1 POUR LES FILLES S Bowen (6-1); **2 King Roly** (5-2 fav); **3 Karnaval Point** (8-1). 7 ran. ¾l; 1¼l. M Bowen. T: £7.80; £3.70, £1.70. Ex: £25. Tricast: £120.29. Trifecta: £169.70. CF: £22. NR: Cossack Chach.

5.30: 1 ACHILLE DES ROCS D McMenamin (6-1); **2 Ghasham** (7-4 fav); **3 Cuzco Du Mathan** (10-3). 6 ran. ¾l; 1¼l. L Morgan. T: £7; £2.80, £1.50. Ex: £17.20. Tricast: £40.14. Trifecta: £48.20. CF: £17.86. NR: Blazing Court, Judicial Review.
PLACEPOT: £108.30 **QUADPOT:** £12.50

EPSOM

1.50: 1 PROOF Jason Watson (10-1); **2 Harry's Halo** (5-1); **3 Twirler** (7-2). 7 ran (Em Four 15-8 fav). ¾l; 1¼l. C Hills. T: £11.30; £4.70, £2.70. Ex: £59.30. Trifecta: £233.40. CF: £60.60.

2.25: 1 SUMMER TRIANGLE R Clutterbuck (11-8 fav); **2 Artemis Star** (13-8); **3 Angel Of Desire** (11-2). 8 ran. ¾l; ¼l. G & J Moore. T: £2.38; £1.10, £1.10, £2. Ex: £4.40. Trifecta: £12.50. CF: £3.86.

3.00: 1 AURORA MAJESTY P-L Jamin (7-2); **2 Rhoscolyn** (3-1 fav); **3 Naval Light** (4-1). 8 ran. 1½l; 1¼l. A Watson. T: £4.50; £1.50, £1.70, £1.70. Ex: £17.90. Tricast: £43.49. Trifecta: £61.20. CF: £14.87.

3.35: 1 SEEKING CHARLES Mr Henry Main (12-1); **2 Crooked Path** (9-2); **3 Edward Sexton** (11-4). 14 ran (Divine Knight 7-4 fav). 6l; 2½l. M Usher. T: £13.20; £3.80, £2.10, £1.60. Ex: £94.80. Tricast: £202.35. Trifecta: £264.20. CF: £64.96.

4.05: 1 HELLO COTAI P Cosgrave (14-1); **2 Almekarem** (11-4 fav); **3 Hengest** (8-1). 9 ran. 1½l; ½l. J Boyle. T: £15; £2.60, £3.10, £1.70. Ex: £72.40. Tricast: £342.79. Trifecta: £508.70. CF: £53.93. NR: Mao Shang Wong.

4.40: 1 TRONIDO T Heard (12-1); **2 Eduardo Calderon** (7-2 jtfav); **3 Oj Lifestyle** (9-2). 8 ran (Amused 7-2 jtfav). 1l; ns. S Dow. T: £13; £3.50, £1.70, £1.70. Ex: £62.30. Tricast: £224.09. Trifecta: £387.90. CF: £55.39.

5.15: 1 DAPPER GUEST S Osborne (9-2); **2 Silver Trumpet** (3-1); **3 French Affair** (6-5 fav). 6 ran. ¾l; 2l. G Margarson. T: £5.70; £2.60, £1.80. Ex: £16.40. Trifecta: £33. CF: £18.21.
JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £17,498.15 carried over. **PLACEPOT:** £76.70 **QUADPOT:** £12.70

RIPON

1.55: 1 TRAVELLERS GIRL K Stott (7-1); **2 My Boo Boo** (7-2); **3 Arenite** (evens fav). 8 ran. 1¼l; 4½l. Roger Fell. T: £10.60; £1.60, £1.40, £1.10. Ex: £47.20. Trifecta: £122.60. CF: £32.64.

2.30: 1 FEELIN' FREE C Beasley (9-2); **2 Time Thief** (1-3 fav); **3 Why Not Me** (14-1). 4 ran. ½l; 27l. Jack Jones. T: £5.50; Ex: £8.20. Trifecta: £12.80. CF: £6.71. NR: Peace Belle.

3.05: 1 SILENT BEAUTY David Egan (15-8 fav); **2 Rogue Jewel** (9-4); **3 Harry Knows** (12-1). 7 ran. 3l; shd. K P De Foy. T: £2.88; £1.70, £1.90. Ex: £8.20. Trifecta: £46. CF: £6.31. NR: Pure Mint.

3.40: 1 SPOKEN TRUTH D Tudhope (6-4 fav); **2 Mirsky** (8-1); **3 Racingbreaks Ryder** (10-1). 9 ran. 1½l; ¾l. D O'Meara. T: £2.50; £1.10, £2.70, £3. Ex: £15. Tricast: £89.75. Trifecta: £108.60. CF: £13.92.

4.10: 1 ROCK OF ENGLAND O Murphy (11-4 fav); **2 Thornaby Pearl** (9-1); **3 Our Absent Friends** (5-1). 9 ran. ½l; 1l. P Midgley. T: £3.75; £1.50, £1.70, £2.10. Ex: £26.40. Tricast: £111.92. Trifecta: £102.80. CF: £28.96.

4.45: 1 ROGERS DREAM O Murphy (11-4 jtfav); **2 Little Ted** (11-4 jtfav); **3 Volenti** (4-1). 10 ran. 7½l; 1½l. Gihan Arnolda. T: £3.90; £1.40, £1.50, £1.50. Ex: £13.20. Trifecta: £54.10. CF: £10.65.

5.20: 1 TIBERIO FORCE M Winn (7-1); **2 Ten Sixty Six** (9-2); **3 Evelyn's Phoenix** (11-4 fav). 10 ran. nk; 3l. S Whitaker. T: £8.30; £4, £1.70, £1.30. Ex: £35.10. Trifecta: £209.20. CF: £39.40.

5.50: 1 GLITTER CODE Miss Nell Biker (9-1); **2 Star Start** (3-1 jtfav); **3 Jam Lass** (18-1). 10 ran (Spirit Catcher 3-1 jtfav). nk; hd. E Bethell. T: £10; £2.50, £1.30, £5.70. Ex: £46.10. Tricast: £490.59. Trifecta: £702.60. CF: £36.99.
PLACEPOT: £23.10 **QUADPOT:** £3.40

SOUTHWELL

1.32: 1 BEAUTIFUL EFFORT S De Sousa (4-1); **2 Sioux Moon** (12-1); **3 Delightfully Hot** (13-2). 10 ran (Cosmic Mystery 9-4 fav). 3l; ½l. I Mohammed & J Santos. T: £5.10; £2, £3.40, £2.20. Ex: £58.20. Trifecta: £522.90. CF: £52.10.

2.07: 1 EDWARDTHENINTH G Mangan (10-1); **2 Blue Tulip** (6-4 fav); **3 Le Rouge Chinois** (9-4). 6 ran. 5½l; 2½l. A Forbes. T: £11.60; £3.50, £1.30. Ex: £28.70. Trifecta: £69.50. CF: £25.89. NR: Sound Gloria.

2.42: 1 PACE ATTACK L Morris (9-1); **2 Everyoneknowsadave** (9-1); **3 Golspie** (6-1). 7 ran (Faeberon 10-11 fav). shd; 3½l. Sir M Prescott. T: £10; £2.80, £3.40. Ex: £56.70. Tricast: £525.91. Trifecta: £231.20. CF: £83.34. NR: Saxophonist.

3.17: 1 RUSHEEN BOY S M Levey (12-1); **2 Special Breeze** (14-1); **3 Aspull** (100-1). 14 ran (Just Typical 7-2 jtfav, Avatar Jet 7-2 jtfav). 1¼l; 2½l. J & S Birkett. T: £14.90; £4.20, £5.10, £23.10. Ex: £295.30. Tricast: £15037.23. Trifecta: £2999.40. CF: £172.13.

3.51: 1 SAILOR'S RETURN C Fallon (11-1); **2 Wield** (25-1); **3 Mayflower Billy** (15-2). 10 ran (Vega Storm 11-4 fav). ½l; ½l. D O'Meara. T: £12.70; £2.80, £3.80, £2.50. Ex: £267.40. Tricast: £2190.60. Trifecta: £4228.70. CF: £256.96.

4.25: 1 KIANI KING B Loughnane (3-1); **2 Roi De Coeur** (9-4 fav); **3 Ballybunion** (7-2). 9 ran. ½l; 2½l. H Morrison. T: £4; £1.60, £1.10, £1.50. Ex: £14.80. Tricast: £24.18. Trifecta: £54.50. CF: £10.10.

5.00: 1 CLASSY CLARETS Shay Farmer (5-1); **2 Fantasy Obsessor** (9-1); **3 Hectic** (11-1). 12 ran (Dicko The Legend 11-4 fav). 2½l; shd. I Jardine. T: £6.40; £2.50, £3.40, £4.10. Ex: £56.50. Tricast: £489.34. Trifecta: £559.10. CF: £52.54.

5.35: 1 TAAKLAM T Kiely-Marshall (10-3); **2 Lope Y Linda** (12-1); **3 Society Charm** (14-1). 12 ran (Based 3-1 fav). 3½l; 4½l. H Bethell. T: £4.70; £2.40, £3.50, £3.80. Ex: £50. Tricast: £521.56. Trifecta: £571.10. CF: £44.63. NR: Love Alive, Yes Waliim.
PLACEPOT: £18,756.50 **QUADPOT:** £2,986.90

DOWNPATRICK

2.12: 1 EBEN ZAABEEL D King (10-11 fav); **2 Euro Agent** (15-8); **3 Fairy Meadow** (66-1). 9 ran. 1½l; 13l. A J Martin. T: £1.91; £1.10, £1.10, £7.50. Ex: £3.30. Trifecta: £86.20. CF: £3.13.

2.47: 1 RIPSNORTER D Mullins (14-1); **2 Granlahan** (7-2); **3 John Dixen** (25-1). 11 ran (He Who Dares 11-8 fav). 7l; 2½l. W J Lanigan. T: €17.90; €3.60, €1.30, €6.90. Ex: €74.60. Tricast: €1267.28. Trifecta: €677.20. CF: €63.80. NR: Firstupbestdressed.

3.22: 1 MAJESTIC HORIZON D J O'Keeffe (5-2); **2 Fortis Et Liber** (6-1); **3 Coded Welder** (evens fav). 9 ran. ¾l; 3l. P J Rothwell. T: €3.50; €1.20, €1.10, €1.10. Ex: €18.10. Trifecta: €38.20. CF: €18.99. NR: Fuusland.

3.55: 1 BRUANT K Sexton (3-1 fav); **2 Kashchei** (12-1); **3 Penzance** (9-1). 10 ran. 1½l; 3½l. A J Martin. T: €4; €1.60, €3.90, €2.30. Ex: €60.50. Tricast: €301.09. Trifecta: €385.80. CF: €40.30. NR: Mickey Cohen.

4.29: 1 KILLEEMORE LAD P K Donovan (7-2); **2 Jabbar** (5-2 jtfav); **3 Herja** (7-2). 7 ran (Robbies Rock 5-2 jtfav). 2½l; 3½l. A Slattery. T: €4.50; €1.70, €1.90. Ex: €13.80. Trifecta: €31.90. CF: €13.87.

5.04: 1 DRIVEONWILL D Meyler (9-1); **2 Kalsman** (12-1); **3 Full Noise** (5-1). 15 ran (The Cobblers Wife 10-3 fav). 2½l; 4½l. R O'Sullivan. T: €11.90; €3.70, €4.10, €1.40. Ex: €166.80. Tricast: €623.10. Trifecta: €211.30. CF: €119.70. NR: Deadheat.

5.39: 1 BEGGARS ROCK K Sexton (4-1); **2 Presenting Lad** (3-1); **3 Stuntman Steve** (3-1). 6 ran (Piccolo Player 11-4 fav). 4½l; nk. Ian Donoghue. T: €5.20; €2.10, €1.50. Ex: €26. Trifecta: €64.70. CF: €17.20. NR: Rightfolksplease.
PLACEPOT: €66.80

ROSCOMMON

4.50: 1 SOUTH DAKOTA W M Lordan (3-1); **2 Joga Bonito** (7-4 fav); **3 Wunderschon** (40-1). 9 ran. shd; 3½l. A P O'Brien. T: €4; €1.30, €1.10, €4.60. Ex: €8.50. Trifecta: €137. CF: €8.75.

5.25: 1 PHOENIX PAIRC W J Lee (7-1); **2 Givehertilxmas** (15-8 fav); **3 Whatswrongnow** (20-1). 14 ran. hd; 1½l. W McCreery. T: €8.30; €2.80, €1.40, €3.60. Ex: €31.20. Tricast: €284.38. Trifecta: €245.50. CF: €20.65. NR: Brains, Distillate, Draiocht, Oitentinha.

5.55: 1 GOAL EXCEEDED A Caffrey (7-2 fav); **2 Morehampton** (11-1); **3 Mercurial** (11-1). 12 ran. ½l; nk. A McGuinness. T: €4.80; €1.70, €3.70, €3.40. Ex: €81.10. Tricast: €409.13. Trifecta: €327.70. CF: €48.28. NR: Engines On.

6.25: 1 HAZDANN C D Hayes (evens fav); **2 God Of Power** (6-1); **3 Dial Me In** (7-2). 5 ran. ½l; ½l. D K Weld. T: €2; €1.10, €2.10. Ex: €8.30. Trifecta: €20.10. CF: €7.88.

6.55: 1 MISS ROMAGNA W J Lee (7-1); **2 Purple Bandit** (28-1); **3 I Hope You Dance** (6-1). 15 ran (Almazann 4-6 fav). 5½l; 1l. W McCreery. T: €8.80; €1.90, €5.10, €1.50. Ex: €225.50. Trifecta: €1273. CF: €195.88. NR: Gentle Soda, Kigalienne, Mawhibah, Michinaga.

7.25: 1 LETIZA A J Slattery (7-1); **2 Stellar Moment** (7-1); **3 Ryefield Dasher** (12-1). 15 ran (Fratas 3-1 fav). hd; ½l. A Slattery. T: €9.40; €2.80, €2.50, €4.40. Ex: €75.60. Tricast: €612.94. Trifecta: €1080.80. CF: €58.64. NR: Duke Of Leggagh, L'Un Deux Trois, Royal Saxo, Sea Eagle.

7.55: 1 PRIORSTOWN B M Coen (9-2); **2 Glen Echo** (4-1 jtfav); **3 Flagstone Lady** (25-1); **4 Tintinabulla** (33-1). 16 ran (Minella Buoy 4-1 jtfav). 1½l; ¾l; 1½l. J P Murtagh. T: €6.20; €1.80, €1.30, €5, €7.60. Ex: €38.60. Tricast: €446.99. Trifecta: €688.40. CF: €24.97. NR: Captain Con, Oh I Do Declare, Princess Rosie.
PLACEPOT: €720.20

PROBETS

CHEEKY BET: MUSICAL SOLDIER (4.55 Lingfield) has won all three starts when he has been wearing cheekpieces like today.
HORSES FOR COURSES: REIGNING PROFIT (3.40 Ripon) has won all three starts at the Yorkshire garden racecourse.
EYECATCHER: EMPRESS PRINCESS (2.40 Ripon) made a good start when second on debut at Beverley last time.
SUPER SPEED: LEXINGTON BOOM (3.10 Ripon) clocked a good time at Beverley latest.
GAMBLED ON: ELVETHAM (3.50 Lingfield) was well backed before coming up short at this track last time out.

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WOLVERHAMPTON AW GOING: STANDARD

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
4.42.....Federal Envoy	4.42...Renewable Dream
5.12.....Phalanx Nation	5.12.....Jessica
5.45.....Forest Caper	5.45.....Norman Invasion
6.20.....Booziebrunch	6.20.....Silken Bay
6.55.....Khepri	6.55.....Midnight Media
7.30.....Doralee	7.30.....She's A Gift
8.00...Forever My Prince	8.00.....Chasing Gold
8.30.....Sansanetti	8.30.....Luan

■TIC-TAC: L-H, very tight Tapeta all-weather track of 1m, with 330yd run-in. Races over 6f and 7f start on separate chutes. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 122-1227, M Appleby 69-542, I Williams 61-463. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 21, M Botti 10. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): B Loughnane 150-782, R Ryan 140-659, L Morris 123-1025. THIS SEASON: B Loughnane 31, R Ryan 17. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Henery Hawk (7.30) trained East Kilbride. Round trip 550 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Miss Malone To You (6.55). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

4.42 HOTEL & CONFERENCING AT WOLVES APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Class 6); winner £3,245; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (1) 7894620 **VELVET SKIES 22 (D)** W Harrison 5-9-9 ..... **Ethan Tindall (3) 96**
2 (2) 3-31803 **R P MCMURPHY 33 (C)** M Appleby 4-9-7 ..... **Jude Maher (7) 98**
3 (4) 9052659 **FEDERAL ENVOY 16 (V★;D)** C Clover 5-9-6 ..... **Donagh Murphy (5) ●99**
4 (9) 0071868 **COURT OF SESSION 14 (V;CD)** P McEntee 7-9-5 ..... **Connor Planas 85**
5 (8) 390-983 **RENEWABLE DREAM 13** J Wainwright 4-9-5 ..... **Gianluca Sanna (3) 90**
6 (5) 7733212 **NUTCRACKER 50 (BF,C)** A Carroll 4-9-5 ..... **Myla Coppins (5) 97**
7 (6) 9349175 **MYTHICAL ISLE 33 (CD)** P Morris 4-9-1 ..... **Ashley Lewis 94**
8 (7) 2154636 **MINTANA 56 (C,D)** H Evans 6-8-10 ..... **Tom Kiely-Marshall 93**
9 (3) 380-053 **OUR NICOLA 13** D & N Barron 4-8-9 ..... **William Pye 92**

BETTING: 5-2 Nutcracker, 4 R P Mcmurphy, 5 Renewable Dream, 15-2 Federal Envoy, 8 Mythical Isle, 10 Velvet Skies, Our Nicola, 12 Mintana, 16 Court Of Session
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Sceptic 5-9-2 Ryan Kavanagh 4-1 (I Williams) drawn 3, 8 ran.

5.12 DIGITAL RACECARD RACEDAYREADY FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3); 2yo; winner £7,020; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (10) **7 APPASSIONATA 12** Sir M Prescott 9-2 ..... **Luke Morris 78**
2 (7) 65 **CASABLANCA DREAM 10** M Botti 9-2 ..... **Luke Catton (3) 82**
3 (8) **COWGIRL** J & S Quinn 9-2 ..... **Ray Dawson —**
4 (5) 72 **IRIS OLIVIA 55** K De Foy 9-2 ..... **Rossa Ryan 97**
5 (3) 52 **JESSICA 11** K De Foy 9-2 ..... **David Egan ●99**
6 (1) 67 **MODA ROSA 27** B Meehan 9-2 ..... **Pat Dobbs 81**
7 (9) 47 **NIGHTSPELL 14 (H★)** R Burdon 9-2 ..... **William Carver 75**
8 (2) 33 **PHALANX NATION 97 (H★,T★;BF)** A Watson 9-2 ..... **Billy Loughnane 98**
9 (6) **PORT ELEONORA** J Candlish 9-2 ..... **Lewis Edmunds —**
10 (4) 76 **SPEED NATION 20** S & E Crisford 9-2 ..... **Harry Davies 79**

BETTING: 5-2 Phalanx Nation, 11-4 Jessica, 7-2 Iris Olivia, 15-2 Speed Nation, 8 Casablanca Dream, 14 Cowgirl, 25 Port Eleonora, Moda Rosa
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.45 WOLVERHAMPTON HOLIDAY INN MAIDEN HANDICAP (5); winner £3,978; 1m 1f. (6 runners)

1 (4) 523-53 **MEDIA LEGEND 18** H Charlton 3-9-10 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 98**
2 (6) 5-34420 **FOREST CAPER 189** D O'Meara 5-9-10 ..... **Cieren Fallon 92**
3 (2) 222705 **SHOWCASING STAR 52** C Johnston 3-9-8 ..... **Rossa Ryan 94**
4 (5) 53-364 **NORMAN INVASION 54 (H)** E Walker 3-9-8 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) ●99**
5 (1) 33-3234 **HAMDA'S JOY 17** T Clover 3-9-6 ..... **David Egan 96**
6 (3) -356466 **MASTER OF ENTROPY 37 (T★)** J & S Quinn 3-9-2 ..... **Billy Loughnane 90**

BETTING: 2 Norman Invasion, 11-4 Media Legend, 5 Hamda's Joy, 13-2 Forest Caper, 8 Master Of Entropy, Showcasing Star
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

6.20 SKY SPORTS RACING HCAP (5) 3YO; winner £3,978; 1m 1f 105yds (6 runners)

1 443124 **BOOZIEBRUNCH 19 (B;BF)**
(2) S Woods 9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon 93**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 3 £21,032
Better than bare result latest, needs tad more from mark, in the hunt

2 15885 **KNOWLEDGE 50 (V★)**
(5) S & E Crisford 9-8 ..... **Harry Davies 89**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) £6,810
Early days still but has been poor in handicaps, return to AW may help

3 4616 **LUCKY LUNA 36**
(6) R Hannon 9-7 ..... **Pat Dobbs 91**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (S) £6,261
Was 18-1 for handicap bow last time, not beaten miles, can improve

4 813673 **SILKEN BAY 34 (H)**
(4) R Newland 9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan 88**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £9,856
Poor here in May and not much since, back to drawing board, sniff

5 2-34 **VARIETY ACT 195**
(3) Sir M Prescott 9-5 ..... **Luke Morris ●99**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £3,150
Obvious threat up in trip on handicap debut, canny outfit, market check

6 8-1607 **LUX AETERNA 57 (B★;CD)**
(1) E Dunlop 9-1 ..... **David Egan 94**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) £3,140
Poor since win here in March, going wrong way, hard to fancy for now

BETTING: 2 Variety Act, 11-4 Booziebrunch, 9-2 Silken Bay, Lucky Luna, 10 Knowledge, 12 Lux Aeterna
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Arbitration 9-7, C Lee 9-2 (K R Burke), drawn 3, 8 ran.

6.55 BOOK NOW FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) winner £3,978; 1m 1f 105yds (10 runners)

1 05533 **STERLING FORTUNE 22**
(7) J Tate 3-9-9 ..... **Luke Morris 96**
Runs: 5 Places: 1 £2,304
Yard amongst the winners, handicap bow, drawn okay, big player

2 5-2373 **POOR RELATION 45**
(9) O Sangster 3-9-7 ..... **Cieren Fallon 91**
Runs: 5 Places: 2 £5,083
Patchy profile, poor on handicap debut last time, needs more, risky

3 64-724 **PIPILY 17**
(1) T Kent 3-9-5 ..... **Ray Dawson 89**
Runs: 6 Places: 1 £3,799
One solid outing came two back, needs repeat of that, hard to know

4 6648-0 **BUN BANG FAI 33**
(3) M Hammond 4-9-5 ... **Ashley Lewis (3) 84**
Runs: 8 £285
Yet to win in 8, little sign of that changing, others better even at this level

5 4448 **KHEPRI 14 (V)**
(5) K R Burke 3-9-4 ..... **Clifford Lee 90**
Runs: 4 £2,282
Big drifter on handicap debut last time, has to kick on in big way now

6 492121 **MIDNIGHT MEDIA 21 (CD)**
(8) Muir & Grassick 3-9-4. **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 2 £11,310
On the up at this modest level, solid of late and goes well here, fancied

7 54-551 **PERFECT RULER 14**
(10) M Botti 3-9-4 ..... **David Egan 98**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) £5,653
More like it last time at Lingfield, early days and capable of more again

8 85642 **MELTING SNOW 30**
(6) E Dunlop 3-9-3 ..... **Billy Loughnane 95**
Runs: 5 Places: 1 £2,238
Hasn't shown loads yet, in hunt on two handicap goes, needs tad more

9 557057 **MAGIC RUNNER 17 (CD)**
(4) R Carr 4-9-1 ..... **Rossa Ryan 86**
Runs: 26 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 4 £16,188
Very little to shout about, some form here but way back, others better

10 8-55 **MISS MALONE TO YOU 76**
(2) K Lee 3-8-12 ..... **Robert Havlin 83**
Runs: 3 £306
Handicap debut, down field all three goes, looks unlikely to figure

BETTING: 11-4 Midnight Media, 4 Perfect Ruler, 9-2 Melting Snow, 5 Sterling Fortune, 8 Poor Relation, 11 Pipily, 16 Miss Malone To You
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9
2025: Baikal 3-9-10, L Morris 13-2 (Sir M Prescott), drw 3, 10 ran.

7.30 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,245; 5f. (9 runners)

1 (3) 2187035 **MASTER DANDY 42 (CD)** D Hitchins 6-9-9 ..... **Luke Morris 87**
2 (5) -000184 **THE FIXER 4 (CD)** S Dixon 5-9-9 ..... **Christian Howarth (3) 95**
3 (7) 1303537 **HENERY HAWK 22 (CD)** L Perratt 7-9-8 ..... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 98**
4 (8) 8037 **SHEIK YERBOUTI 20** G Harris 5-9-8 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 90**
5 (9) 457027 **SHE'S A GIFT 57 (T★)** J McConnell (Ire) 4-9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
6 (4) 95770-7 **BALLSGROVE BOY 40 (C)** P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-7 ..... **Harry Davies 87**
7 (1) 6944231 **DORALEE 24 (D)** D & N Barron 5-9-5 ..... **William Pye 97**
8 (2) 647-037 **MACANUDO 23 (B;D)** I Williams 5-9-5 ..... **Billy Loughnane 85**
9 (6) -736988 **GLOBAL EFFORT 19 (T★,V;CD)** P McEntee 6-8-11 ..... **Grace McEntee 83**

BETTING: 5-2 She's A Gift, 3 Doralee, 5 The Fixer, 13-2 Master Dandy, 8 Henery Hawk, 10 Ballsgrove Boy, 12 Macanudo, 25 Sheik Yerbouti, 33 Global Effort
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Maris Angel 4-9-9 Ryan Sexton 2-1 Fav (Fionn McSharry) drawn 4, 10 ran.

8.00 FREE TIPS ON ATTHERACES.COM HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £4,711; 6f. (11 runners)

1 (1) 23-4506 **IN THE CITY 15 (V)** W Greatrex 4-9-9 ..... **Edward Greatrex 91**
2 (4) 1-55656 **FOREVER MY PRINCE 70 (D)** M Blake 4-9-8 ..... **Billy Loughnane 95**
3 (3) 3-U1423 **CHASING GOLD 14 (B;D)** M Keady 4-9-8 ..... **Luke Morris 97**
4 (2) -639075 **EXPRESS TRAIN 14 (D)** R Phillips 4-9-7 ..... **Robert Havlin 92**
5 (5) -332426 **RYE 88 (BF)** A Carroll 4-9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan ●99**
6 (10) 9075630 **BLACKJACK 16 (B;D)** A Brown 9-9-6 ..... **Ray Dawson 87**
7 (6) 0-02180 **PHIL'S DREAM 59 (V;C)** J McConnell (Ire) 6-9-3 ..... **Clifford Lee 97**
8 (9) 0923985 **MISTER MCGREGOR 15 (B,E)** M Mullineaux 4-8-9 ..... **Faye McManoman 89**
9 (7) 98808-0 **PIDDIE'S PEARL 108 (H)** K Frost 4-8-9 ..... **William Pye 83**
10 (11) 5288069 **SHE WENT WHOOSH 15** S Dixon 4-8-9 ..... **William Cox 84**
11 (8) 66900-0 **ROYAL JUSTICE 5 (B★)** S Dixon 5-8-9 ..... **Olivia Haines (7) 82**

BETTING: 11-4 Rye, 3 Chasing Gold, 5 In The City, 11-2 Forever My Prince
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Macarone 4-9-7 Billy Loughnane 9-4 Fav (I Furtado) drawn 9, 10 ran.

8.30 DOWNLOAD THE RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (6); winner £3,245; 1m 4f. (7 runners)

1 (6) 1-66441 **SANSANETTI 17** S Williams 4-9-9 ..... **Pat Cosgrave ●99**
2 (7) 5-536 **DANCINGONDIAMONDS 23** P Morris 4-9-8 ..... **Donagh Murphy (7) 92**
3 (1) 2724025 **PHAEDRA 59 (D)** J Ramsden 4-9-7 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 94**
4 (5) -657534 **BULLDOG SPIRIT 20 (D)** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 6-9-6 ..... **William Cox 93**
5 (3) 60-9119 **LUAN 26 (CD)** N Schofield 4-9-6 ..... **Billy Loughnane 93**
6 (2) 8325155 **OTTOMAN 23 (B;D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 4-9-4 ..... **Rossa Ryan 90**
7 (4) 057 **SEVENKINGSMUSTDIE 43 (H)** A King 4-9-3 ..... **Luke Catton (3) 88**

BETTING: 11-10 Sansanetti, 3 Luan, 9-2 Sevenkingsmustdie, 15-2 Phaedra, Ottoman
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Rubellite 5-9-2 Oisin Orr 5-1 (R & P Fahey) drawn 7, 10 ran.

THE EYE CATCHER

WELCOME to this weekly column by TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen) where he pinpoints horses to follow from the past week or two and takes a first look at big races to come. Let's give the bookies a right good kicking!

FLOWER SHOW — Sandown, Saturday

ON the face of it, this was a slightly disappointing effort after being backed on debut for Charlie Appleby (*right*). But this Dubawi filly did well to finish third after looking really green early on. William Buick let her come home in her own time and she will have learned massively from this.

OLD OAK — Sandown, Friday

SOFTER ground seemed to really help Richard Hannon's youngster who had raced only on firm previously. But he travelled nicely here to finish second behind the potentially useful winner Algaihabane who found plenty when challenged.

BRIGHTON BEACH — Goodwood, Friday

WILLIAM Haggas isn't having his most stellar season but he has a future winner in this three-year-old filly. She's no world-beater but is capable of winning handicaps when upped from this 1m2f after she finished strongly.

GO VINCE GO — Carlisle, Thursday

TIM Easterby (*left*) got three wins out of them last season and his mark has reflected that. He's finally had a little help from the handicapper and he went close here from 4lb below his last win. He should be getting his head back in front over sprint trips.

COUL ANGEL (Ayr Gold Cup, September 19)

COUL ANGEL looks a big price at 20-1 for the Ayr Gold Cup later this month.

Michael Appleby's flyer has run two mighty races at York this season and is more than good enough to make his mark.

In July he put in a brilliant effort to finish second from a shocking draw and went back to the Knavesmire at the Ebor meeting.

It was hard to miss his effort that time as he came home with a real rattle under Saffie Osborne.

Again the draw was more than unkind and he's due a change of luck on that score if heading to Scotland.

He is at his best over the six-furlong trip on any ground. His late-finishing style means he'll need luck in running but that general 20-1 looks fair enough.

THE FIRST LOOK — my antepost angle

COUL ANGEL (20-1 e-way for the Ayr Gold Cup)

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■NEWCASTLE: 11.09 Fabulous Lakota (3-5-1) 11.27 Links Frankel (3-5-4) 11.43 Wraysbury Orchid (nap) (1-5-6) 12.01 A Bit Of Megan (nb) (6-5-4) 12.18 Canny Smokey (5-4-1) 12.34 Malt Sally (3-4-5) 12.51 Euros Will Do (1-3-2) 1.08 Killeacle Denise (4-1-2) 1.26 Da Short Haul (5-6-2) 1.42 Joannes Hope (5-6-4) 1.59 Toddys Ace (3-5-2) 2.14 Blackhouse Peggy (6-3-2)

■SHEFFIELD: 11.01 Fagans Peggy (1-2-4) 11.18 Slippy Daniel (4-1-5) 11.34 Gwladys Queen (1-4-5) 11.52 Fugazi (2-4-5) 12.09 Thats Mikeys (1-3-4) 12.26 Thornfield Love (2-5-4) 12.42 Slippy Marian (nap) (5-6-3) 12.59 Gurtnacrehy Rhys (2-3-1) 1.17 Jolly Arlo (nb) (4-3-5) 1.33 Kerrydale Halo (5-5-1) 1.51 Slippy Julie (1-2-5) 2.07 Russanda Penny (6-1-3)

■MONMORE: 2.31 Speedy Dog (nap) (5-2-4) 2.49 Aero Bluebell (2-5-4) 3.09 Pappys Jiver (2-4-1) 3.27 Longacres Noah (6-3-4) 3.47 Mystical Cash (2-4-3) 4.04 Getup Me Ava (4-3-5) 4.24 Alien Brat (1-6-5) 4.42 Lady Luck (1-5-2) 5.01 Record Legacy (nb) (1-4-6) 5.19 Aero Imagine (1-4-3) 5.37 Whyaye Dubai (4-6-1) 5.57 Cazzers Ellie (6-3-4)

■ROMFORD: 2.23 Jays Bruno (2-3-4) 2.41 Holding Lizzy (2-5-6) 3.01 Hollywood Athena (3-4-1) 3.19 Luminous Flyer (2-6-4) 3.38 Lavan Jet (1-3-5) 3.57 Public Reaction (2-1-5) 4.16 Hollywood Topcat (6-4-1) 4.34 Sparkling Kerena (nap) (1-3-6) 4.53 Jacktavern Luna (4-1-2) 5.12 Da Honey Mil (nb) (4-3-1) 5.31 Castillo Del Rey (3-1-5) 5.49 Eddies Star (2-4-3)

RETURNS

■DUNSTALL PARK: 11.01 Forest Liz 3-1 (3-2-4 BAGS F £8.91 TC £16.91). 11.18 Mercia Raven 2-1 (2-3-4 £5.66 TC £15.85). 11.34 Swift Ida 10-3 (4-6-5 £9.79 TC £24.76). 11.52 Swift Zaria 5-1 (6-3-2 £30.44). 12.09 Crokers Delight 13-8 (1-4-6 £12.20 TC £20.46). 12.26 Mercia Diana 8-11f (1-6-3 £3.27 TC £8.72). 12.42 Headford Killian 13-8f (6-1-2 £15.70 TC £35.98). 12.59 Scarsdale Sue 7-2 (2-3-5 £11.84 TC £34.21). 1.17 Swift Hunt 5-6f (5-1-6 £16.00 TC £28.40). 1.33 Pharis Pearl 7-2 (1-6-2 £20.27 TC £48.22). 1.51 Bombay Tilda 3-1 (5-1-4 £20.40). 2.07 Sporting Lovers 9-4 (1-3-2 £20.54).

■ROMFORD: 11.09 Bubbly Queenie 13-8f (4-6-3 BAGS F £5.17). 11.27 Seomra Finn 11-4 (2-3-4 £9.25). 11.43 Yahoo Clodagh 5-2f (3-4-5 £22.00 TC £101.18). 12.01 Move The Magic 11-4 (3-2-1 £10.07 TC £29.93). 12.18 Bacon Frazzles 11-8f (4-5-1 £10.41). 12.34 Chapel Gardens 5-6f (2-1-5 £4.29 TC £7.71). 12.51 Stormy Pat 9-4 (5-2-3 £7.80 TC £25.88). 1.08 Thread of Hope 6-4f (3-6-5 £14.36 TC £33.54). 1.26 Whizzy Dot 11-4 (2-1-3 £12.12). 1.42 Yahoo Cleo 11-8 (2-1-6 £3.48 TC £7.08). 1.59 Joescourtsad 2-1f (2-4-5 £9.05 TC £21.30). 2.14 Brians Lee 5-1 (4-5-2 £25.15 TC £57.21).

■MONMORE: 2.23 Yama Witch 5-2 (2-3-1 BAGS F £22.84). 2.41 First Sight 9-2 (4-3-2 £20.17). 3.01 Stealpy Evensf (6-2-3 £5.77). 3.19 Tromora Diamond 9-2 (4-3-6 £14.56 TC £47.00). 3.38 Swift Jolly 10-1 (5-6-1 £38.09). 3.57 Killimor Canya 7-2 (6-5-2 £45.67 TC £102.49). 4.16 Elderberry Luna 11-4 (5-4-2 £20.60 TC £103.50). 4.34 Hollywell Mave 5-2 (3-5-1 £11.08). 4.53 Kurious George 11-4 (6-5-3 £37.70 TC £138.00). 5.12 Anglesey Prince 11-8f (3-2-6 £6.62).

THRILL

From Page One

most straightforward horse he will ride all season."

And although acknowledging the task facing Constitution Hill, an 8-1 shot with bookies, Hendo insists it will give him a proper gauge which way to campaign the eight-time Grade 1 winner.

Hendo said: "It looks mighty competitive, but it is over a mile and a half and we know he likes the track.

"He's one of the lowest-rated horses, so it is technically impossible, but we've got to get that third run into him if we want to look at handicaps.

"After Saturday, me and Michael [Buckley, owner] can have a chat about what we do going forward.

"Everybody has been tremendous in supporting him. I just hope he can do himself justice on Saturday, but I'm confident he will."